

Transportation Article Changes Support

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February 5, 2020

Honorable Delegates

Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: Maryland House Bill 158

Dear Sir or Madam Delegate:

I write on behalf of the Maryland Independent Automobile Dealers Association chapter of the MidAtlantic Regional Independent Automobile Dealers Association to express our support for Maryland House Bill 158 in the 2020 Legislative Session. It is our understanding that the bill will update the traffic laws including equipment and inspections standards and requirements to reflect current and emerging technologies in the automotive industry and repeal antiquated laws.

Thank you for your time and courtesy in considering our comments and letter of support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Reg Evans

Reginald Evans
Executive Director



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

February 6, 2020

Chair: Kumar P. Barve

Members of House Environment and Transportation committee

RE: HB 154– Electronic inspection Sunset Extension and
HB 158 - Equipment Inspections Standards & Requirements

Position: Favorable

WMDA/CAR members support both bills.

HB154 that extends sunset on electronic inspection, which has gained wide spread acceptance.

HB 158 which clarifies items like lighting, windshield washers and allows for enhanced tinting under certain circumstances. HB158 also cleans up requirements for inspection mechanics and enforcement that was not clear in manual, puts everyone on same page. Please give HB 154 and HB 158 a favorable report

WMDA/CAR is a non-profit trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores, and independent repair shops since 1937. Any question can be addressed to Kirk McCauley – 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net

January 30, 2020

Dear Committee members,

I am writing in support of the following bills.

House Bill 0158 Vehicle laws-equipment and inspections-standards and regulations and House Bill 0154 Motor Vehicles-Electronic inspection certificates for used vehicles - sunset extension. Both of these bills provide increased protection and convenience to Maryland's citizens.

House Bill 0158 continues to improve the Maryland State Safety Enforcement Division's program by clearly defining currently undefined equipment standards. Clearly defined standards will guarantee that Maryland law is being applied consistently and correctly at all Maryland inspection stations

House bill 0154 will continue the standard that Maryland residents have come to expect when selling or purchasing a vehicle to be registered in the State of Maryland. Under this program there is no "certificate" to keep track of or be able to have counterfeit by someone. The electronic inspection reports also eliminate errors made by inspection stations such as transposing VIN numbers or mileage causing the customer to have to return to the station to have a corrected certificate issued.

I am the current president of the Chesapeake Automotive Business Association and our membership supports both bills as presented. I also own and operate a Maryland State Vehicle Safety Inspection station in Westminster, MD as well as a Maryland used vehicle dealer.

Thank you for your support and consideration,



Dave Wastler

President, Chesapeake Automotive Business Association

Owner Wastler Auto Service, LLC

HOUSE BILL 158

DARCARS Automotive Group Currently owns and operates 31 franchise with 19 active Authorized Inspection stations in Maryland

DARCARS Automotive Group Supports House Bill 158

A BILL ENTITLED

Vehicle Laws – Equipment and Inspections – Standards and Requirements 2
FOR the purpose of altering for vehicle operation and inspection purposes the standards 3 for the authorized placement of certain materials on certain windows of certain 4 vehicles; prohibiting the use of certain equipment on a highway under certain 5 circumstances; altering certain standards and requirements governing headlamps, 6 stop lamps, turn signal lamps, light or signal devices, backup lamps, brakes, and 7 windshield washers on certain vehicles; establishing a certain maximum period of 8 validity for a medical certification that authorizes enhanced window tinting on a 9 vehicle; providing for the construction of a certain provision of law that authorizes 10 enhanced window tinting on a vehicle; altering the standards and requirements for 11 applications, testing, and administrative enforcement for inspection mechanic 12 licenses; repealing certain obsolete or redundant provisions of law governing vehicle 13 equipment; making certain stylistic changes and technical corrections; and generally 14 relating to standards and requirements for vehicle equipment and inspections.

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January 30, 2020

To: Members of the Environmental and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, Maryland

I am writing to ask for your support for House Bill 158 in the 2020 Legislative Session. This bill will update the traffic laws to reflect current and emerging technologies in the automotive industry and repeal antiquated laws. This bill will open the door for approval of the new COMAR inspection regulations we have been discussing for the past several years.

As a member of the MVA Dealer Advisory Board, we accomplishment many positive things working with Chrissy Nizer and her management team and the Maryland State Police. At every meeting we discuss the need to update many of the motor vehicles laws and regulation to match a rapidly changing industry and driving environment. Working together with updated laws we can continue to search for ways to better improve vehicle purchasing, vehicle safety and enforcement, and hopefully improve the dealer and MVA experience our citizens have in Maryland. Please help us in this effort and support House Bill 158,

Thank you,

H. Paul Ritchie

President

Hagerstown Honda, Hagerstown Kia

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Captain James Russell
Maryland State Police
Automotive Safety Enforcement Division
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January 30, 2020

RE: House Bill 158

Dear Captain Russell:

Prestige Automotive Inc supports the MSP Automotive Safety Enforcement Division's proposed revisions to update regulations and laws related to vehicle equipment.

Respectfully yours,



Eric "Rick" Steel
President
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Robert Charles Hoffman
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Captain James Russell Commander, Automotive Safety Enforcement Division:

Sir:

I am writing this letter in support of House Bills 154 & 158 that are in favor of revising the regulations concerning Motor Vehicle Inspections. These improvements will help bring Maryland State Inspections into the modern age. With the ever changing design, safety equipment, lighting, and advanced technology installed in today's cars, the public needs to be kept safe by mandating certain minimum standards. I also believe in the importance of the electronic inspection system as it allows tracking and verification of regulated inspections and this will lead to more uniform inspections from stations to station and the ability to track them.

I have been in the automotive repair business for 35 years now. After moving from Connecticut to Maryland in 1991, I quickly became a State Inspector and have performed hundreds of regulated inspections and have been successful doing so. Since 2008 I have been the State Inspection Supervisor and am the Shop Foreman at BMW of Annapolis. As you may know, BMW is on the leading edge in automotive design, features, and safety standards. During my time here, I have worked closely with BMW engineering in developing repair procedures, investigating product claims, data analysis, and fire & accident investigation.

I would be more than willing and will make the time to testify, provide evidence, and assist in the current legislative session to help move these regulations into place.

Sincerely Yours,

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Van Stitcher -State Police- <van.stitcher@maryland.gov>

Bill # 158

2 messages

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Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 12:19 PM

To whom it may concern, I believe that passing House Bill 158 will benefit both the citizens and the state by making our roads safer and at the same time making it a littler easier for people to legally register and tag their vehicles. Thank you, Jack Alexander, Service Manager inspection station # 5173

Van Stitcher -State Police- <van.stitcher@maryland.gov>
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Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 1:47 PM

Thank you Sir

[Quoted text hidden]

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Beth Caro <beth@tagofmd.com>
to Terry, me

Terry,

I am in to support this.

Thanks!

Jan 29, 2020, 8:18 AM (1 day ago)



Beth Caro

Owner

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Paul Sr

to me ▾

To whom it may concern:

I am a technician and Maryland state inspector in Montgomery county, MD. I support house bill 158 and would like your support as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Dutton Sr

ASE Master Technician

GM World Class Technician

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