



# Maryland Motor Truck Association

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**HEARING DATE:** February 21, 2020

**BILL NO/TITLE:** Senate Bill 566: Vehicle Laws – Registration Renewal – Inspection Requirement

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**POSITION:** **Oppose**

Purpose: Senate Bill 566 would require vehicles 5 years old or more to complete an annual inspection prior to the vehicle's registration renewal.

Background: In Maryland law commercial motor vehicles are subject to significantly greater standards of inspection and repair than passenger cars. Maryland's Preventive Maintenance Program for commercial trucks requires that they be inspected annually or every 25,000 miles, whichever comes first. For a long-haul truck, that inspection can occur 4 to 5 times per year. This is the most stringent standard in the country.

The requirements, standards, and inspector qualifications for commercial truck inspections in Maryland's Preventive Maintenance Program are in a different section of the Transportation Article than the new requirement that would be imposed under SB566. As currently written MMTA believes the passage of SB566 will confuse motor carriers about the requirements and potentially subject them to an additional inspection on top of the many they are already performing. Should the Committee elect to move forward on this legislation, the Association suggests commercial motor vehicles covered under Maryland's Preventive Maintenance Program be exempt from SB 566.

**About Maryland Motor Truck Association:** Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000+ members, MMTA is committed to supporting and advocating for a safe, efficient and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile or type of operation.

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