



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chairman: William C. Smith
Members of Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

RE: SB 566 – Registration Renewal – Inspection Requirements
Position: Favorable with Amendments

A bi-annual safety inspection as a car ages would go a long way in making Maryland highways safer. Safety of our families on the highway is a core value and long overdue.

The Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED) of the Maryland State Police does excellent work with the change of title inspections. A bi-annual inspection will take time to plan out the structure and personnel for a solid program. This cannot be done by October 1, 2020.

- ASED and MVA would have to be at the forefront of planning and stake holders would have to be involved to come up with a plan that is economically feasible to the state, to repair facilities and most of all vehicle owners and Maryland residents.
- Make sure you have enough shops qualified and have certified technicians. Regulation/standards for testing technicians.
- Decide parts to be inspected and cost. Cost would be less than a title inspection and quicker. State would have to recover the cost of the program over time.

This is the ideal bill to send to study work group. Study could be completed with a working plan by 2021 session. WMDA/CAR with members in all counties would like to be part of a comprehensive plan to make Maryland roads safer.

We would like to thank Senator Washington and her staff for presenting this bill and hopefully it will come back to you soon.

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