



**AAA Mid-Atlantic's Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1079 –
Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program –
Standards, Requirements, and Application**

Sponsors: Chairman Barve and Delegate Stein

- AAA Mid-Atlantic **supports HB 1079**, which would require the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program to provide for a biennial exhaust emissions test only on vehicles that are equipped with an on-board diagnostic II system and are at least seven model years old.
- The bill also allows a vehicle owner to take the biennial exhaust emissions test at an approved certified repair facility.
- AAA supports reasonable, fair and effective means of preserving our environment, including those designed to reduce motor vehicle-caused air pollution.
- AAA recognizes the important responsibility of individuals to keep emission control systems intact and operating properly throughout the life of their vehicles by following routine maintenance steps outlined in owners' manuals.
- HB 1079 will give consumers greater convenience and flexibility when having their vehicle's exhaust emissions tested by allowing inspections at certified repair facilities.
- Passage of HB 1079 will ensure that Maryland's vehicle emission programs are both reasonable and cost effective, while providing convenience for consumers.
- On behalf of AAA Mid-Atlantic's more than one million Maryland members, we urge the Committee to give **HB 1079** a favorable report.

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