

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 688
HOUSE BILL 1257

AN ACT TO MAKE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION RECORDS AVAILABLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO IDENTIFY SEPARATELY THE CHARGES FOR INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATES; TO INCREASE THE INSPECTION FEE; AND TO DECREASE THE TIME PERIOD FOR FREE INSPECTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-183.7 is rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 20-183.7. Charges for inspections and certificates; safety equipment inspection station records. — (a) Every safety equipment inspection station shall charge a fee of three dollars and sixty-five cents (\$3.65) for inspecting a motor vehicle to determine compliance with the inspection requirements of this Article and shall give the vehicle operator a dated receipt, indicating the articles and equipment approved and disapproved. At any time within 90 days thereafter, when the receipt is presented to the inspection station which issued it with a request for reinspection, that inspection station shall reinspect the vehicle at no charge. When said vehicle is approved, the inspection station shall obtain a fee of thirty-five cents (35¢) for a valid inspection certificate, and affix the certificate to that vehicle.

(b) Self-inspector stations licensed under G.S. 20-183.4 are exempt from the inspecting fee provisions of subsection (a) above, but shall pay to the Division of Motor Vehicles the prescribed certificate fee for each inspection certificate issued by it.

(c) All fees collected for inspection certificates shall be paid to the Division of Motor Vehicles, in accordance with its regulations, and these fees shall be placed in the Highway Fund.

(d) Each inspection station shall maintain a record of inspections performed, in a form approved by the Division of Motor Vehicles, for a period of 18 months and such records shall be made available for inspection by any law enforcement officer, upon demand, during normal business hours."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1979.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 29th day of May, 1979.