GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

SENATE DRS65148-LT-23B (2/21)

Short Title:	Revise Safety and Emissions Inspection Law.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Dalton, and Hartsell.	
Referred to:		

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2	AN ACT TO	AMEND THE LAW GOVERNING SAFETY AND EMISSIONS	
3	INSPECTIO	NS.	
4	The General As	sembly of North Carolina enacts:	
5	SECT	FION 1. G.S. 20-183.4C reads as rewritten:	
6	"§ 20-183.4C.	When a vehicle must be inspected; one-way trip permit.	
7	(a) Inspe	ction A vehicle that is subject to a safety inspection, an emissions	
8 inspection, or both must be inspected as follows:			
9	(1)	A new vehicle must be inspected before it is sold at retail in this State.	
10	(2)	A-Except as provided in subsection (a1) of this section, a used vehicle	
11		must be inspected before it is offered for sale at retail in this State by a	
12		dealer at a location other than a public auction.	
13	(3)	A used vehicle that is offered for sale at retail in this State by a dealer	
14		at a public auction must be inspected before it is offered for sale unless	
15		it has an inspection sticker that was put on the vehicle under this Part	
16		and does not expire until at least nine months after the date the vehicle	
17		is offered for sale at auction.	
18	(4)	A used vehicle acquired by a resident of this State from a person	
19		outside the State must be inspected within 10 days after the vehicle is	
20		registered with the Division.	
21	(5)	A vehicle owned by a new resident of this State who transfers the	
22		registration of the vehicle from the resident's former home state to this	
23		State must be inspected within 10 days after the vehicle is registered	
24		with the Division.	
25	(5a)	If the registration of a vehicle is transferred from a county that is not	
26		an emissions county to an emissions county, the vehicle must be	

1	inspected in accordance with this Part within 60 days of the transfer of
2	registration.
3	(6) A vehicle that has been inspected in accordance with this Part must be
4	inspected by the last day of the month in which the inspection sticker
5	on the vehicle expires, unless another subdivision of this section
6	requires it to be inspected sooner.
7	(a1) Inspection Exemption. – Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a
8	dealer who offers for sale a used vehicle that is a salvage vehicle or that has been
9	declared a total loss by an insurance company licensed and approved to conduct
10	business in North Carolina is not required to have a safety or emissions inspection
11	conducted on that vehicle before the vehicle is sold. This subsection does not repeal or
12	modify Article 3A of this Chapter.
13	(b) Permit. – The Division may issue a one-way trip permit to a person that
14	authorizes the person to drive to an inspection station a vehicle whose inspection sticker
15	has expired. The permit must describe the vehicle whose inspection sticker has expired.
16	The permit authorizes the person to drive the described vehicle only from the place the
17	vehicle is parked to an inspection station.
18	The Division may issue a 10-day temporary permit to a person that authorizes the
19	person to drive a vehicle that failed to pass either the safety inspection or emissions
20	inspection. The permit must describe the vehicle that failed to pass inspection and the
21	date that it failed to pass inspection."
22	SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2005.