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10	Referred to Committee on
11	Date:
12	Subject: Motor vehicles; inspections
13	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the
14	scope of motor vehicle safety inspections and to require the Commissioner of
15	Motor Vehicles to adopt amended inspection rules that are consistent with the
16	limited scope of safety inspections.

An act relating to limiting the scope of motor vehicle safety inspections

1	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
2	Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1222 is amended to read:
3	§ 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES
4	(a) Except for school buses, which shall be inspected as prescribed in
5	section 1282 of this title, and motor buses as defined in subdivision 4(17) of
6	this title, which shall be inspected twice during the calendar year at six-month
7	intervals, all motor vehicles registered in this State shall be inspected once
8	each year. Any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer not currently inspected in
9	this State shall be inspected within 15 days from following the date of its
10	registration in the State of Vermont.
11	(b)(1) The inspections shall be made at garages or qualified service
12	stations, designated by the Commissioner as inspection stations, for the
13	purpose of determining whether those motor vehicles are properly equipped
14	and maintained in good mechanical condition; however, the scope of the safety
15	inspection of a motor vehicle other than a school bus or a commercial motor
16	vehicle shall be limited to the following parts or systems, and the vehicle shall
17	not fail inspection unless the part or system poses or is likely to pose a danger
18	to the operator or to other highway users:
19	(A) front suspension system;
20	(B) ball joints;
21	(C) brakes;

1	(D) tires;
2	(E) frame; and
3	(F) exhaust system.
4	(2) The charges for such inspections made by garages or qualified
5	service stations designated to conduct periodic inspections shall be subject to
6	the approval of the Commissioner. If a fee is charged for inspection, it shall be
7	based upon the hourly rate charged by each official inspection station or it may
8	be a flat rate fee and, in either instance, the fee shall be prominently posted and
9	displayed beside the official inspection station certificate. In addition, the
10	official inspection station may disclose the State inspection certificate charge
11	on the repair order as a separate item and collect the charge from the consumer
12	* * *
13	Sec. 2. TRANSITION; RULEMAKING
14	On or before October 1, 2018, and notwithstanding the standard set forth in
15	3 V.S.A. § 844(a), the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have authority
16	and hereby is directed to adopt as an emergency rule pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
17	§ 844 amended motor vehicle rules governing motor vehicle safety inspections
18	that are consistent with the permissible scope of safety inspections enacted in
19	Sec. 1 of this act. The Commissioner shall be exempt from 3 V.S.A.
20	§ 844(d)(2), and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules shall not
21	have authority to object to the revised emergency rule under 3 V.S.A.

- 1 § 844(e)(1)(D). As soon as practicable after the effective date of this section,
- 2 <u>the Commissioner shall adopt permanent rules governing motor vehicle safety</u>
- 3 inspections that are consistent with the permissible scope of safety inspections
- 4 <u>enacted in Sec. 1 of this act.</u>
- 5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES
- 6 (a) This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on passage.
- 7 (b) Sec. 1 shall take effect on October 1, 2018.