

1 S.84

2 Introduced by Committee on Transportation

3 Date: February 6, 2019

4 Subject: Motor vehicles; inspections

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the
6 number of model years for which emissions inspections are required.

7 An act relating to emissions inspections

8 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

9 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1222(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Except for school buses, which shall be inspected as prescribed in
11 section 1282 of this title, and motor buses as defined in subdivision 4(17) of
12 this title, which shall be inspected twice during the calendar year at six-month
13 intervals, all motor vehicles registered in this State shall ~~be inspected~~ undergo
14 a safety inspection once each year and all motor vehicles that are registered in
15 this State and are 10 model years old or less shall undergo an emissions or on
16 board diagnostic (OBD) systems inspection once each year as applicable. Any
17 motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer not currently inspected in this State shall
18 be inspected within 15 days following the date of its registration in the State of
19 Vermont.

1 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING; IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

2 (a) Within 14 days after the effective date of this section, the
3 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall file with the Secretary of State a
4 proposed amended rule governing vehicle inspections in this State (Periodic
5 Inspection Manual) that is consistent with amendments to 23 V.S.A. § 1222 in
6 Sec. 1 of this act, with the effect that no motor vehicle that is more than
7 10 model years old will be required to undergo an emissions or on board
8 diagnostic (OBD) systems inspection.

9 (b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this section, the
10 Commissioner shall update the content of inspections conducted through the
11 Automated Vehicle Inspection Program to exclude any requirements of the
12 current Periodic Inspection Manual that are inconsistent with the amendments
13 to 23 V.S.A. § 1222 in Sec. 1 of this act, with the effect that no motor vehicle
14 that is more than 10 model years old will be required to undergo an emissions
15 or OBD systems inspection.

16 (c) In the event that the Commissioner cannot update the content of
17 inspections conducted through the Automated Vehicle Inspection Program in
18 accordance with subsection (b) of this section within 30 days after the effective
19 date of this section, the Commissioner shall, within 30 days after the effective
20 date of this section, develop and implement a temporary work-around to

1 ensure that no motor vehicle that is more than 10 model years old will be
2 required to undergo an emissions or OBD systems inspection.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.