

1 H.358

2 Introduced by Representative Boutin of Barre City

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; operation of vehicles; equipment; inspection

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the
7 instances in which a noncommercial motor vehicle would fail an annual safety
8 inspection and to require inspection station to notify owners of vehicle
9 conditions that may affect safety.

10 An act relating to motor vehicle inspections

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

12 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1222 is amended to read:

13 § 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES

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15 (b)(1)(A) The inspections shall be made at garages or qualified service
16 stations, designated by the Commissioner as inspection stations, for the
17 purpose of determining whether those motor vehicles are properly equipped
18 and maintained in good mechanical condition; ~~provided, however, the~~

19 (B)(i) The scope of the safety inspection of a motor vehicle other
20 than a school bus or a commercial motor vehicle shall be limited to parts or

1 systems that are relevant to the vehicle's safe operation, and such vehicles shall
2 not fail the safety portion of the inspection unless the condition of the part or
3 system poses ~~or may pose a~~ an imminent danger to the operator or to other
4 highway users.

5 (ii) If a part or system is not in good mechanical condition but
6 does not pose an imminent danger to the operator or other highway users, the
7 inspection station shall provide the owner or operator of the vehicle with
8 written documentation of the condition of the part or system and recommended
9 actions that may be taken to restore the part or system to good mechanical
10 condition. The written documentation shall be signed by the vehicle operator
11 or owner and a copy shall be kept in the motor vehicle.

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13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.