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S.105

Introduced by Senators Douglass, Baruth, Beck, Brock, Collamore,
Cummings, Gulick, Hart, Heffernan, Lyons, Major, Mattos and
Williams

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; operation of vehicles; inspections; new motor
vehicles; trailers

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide that
motor vehicles weighing 5,000 pounds or less that are less than two years old
are exempt from inspections and to exempt all trailers and semi-trailers from
inspections.

An act relating to exemptions from vehicle inspections

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

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

§ 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection
and for school buses, which shall be inspected as prescribed in section 1282 of
this title, and motor buses as defined in subdivision 4(17) of this title, which
shall be inspected twice during the calendar year at six-month intervals, all

1 motor vehicles registered in this State shall undergo a safety and visual
2 emissions inspection once each year and all motor vehicles that are registered
3 in this State and are 16 model years old or less shall undergo an emissions or
4 on board diagnostic (OBD) systems inspection once each year as applicable.

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6 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection,
7 any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer not currently inspected in this State
8 shall be inspected within 15 days following the date of its registration in the
9 State of Vermont.

10 (3)(A) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection (a), a
11 motor vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 5,000
12 pounds shall not be required to be inspected pursuant to the provisions of this
13 section until after 24 months have elapsed since the date of the vehicle's
14 manufacture.

15 (B) All trailers and semi-trailers shall be exempt from inspection
16 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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18 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, an
19 exhibition vehicle of model year 1940 or before registered as prescribed in
20 section 373 of this title ~~or a trailer registered as prescribed in subdivision~~
21 ~~371(a)(1)(A) of this title~~ shall be exempt from inspection; provided, however,

1 the vehicle must be equipped as originally manufactured, must be in good
2 mechanical condition, and must meet the applicable standards of the inspection
3 manual.

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5 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1223 is amended to read:

6 § 1223. PROHIBITIONS

7 A person shall not affix or cause to be affixed to a motor vehicle, ~~trailer, or~~
8 ~~semi-trailer~~ a certification of inspection that was not assigned by an official
9 inspection station to such motor vehicle, ~~trailer, or semi-trailer~~. No person
10 shall reaffix or cause to be reaffixed an official sticker once removed; instead,
11 replacement stickers shall be affixed as prescribed by the rules for replacement
12 sticker agents. A person shall not knowingly operate a motor vehicle, ~~trailer,~~
13 ~~or semi-trailer~~ to which a certification of inspection is affixed if the
14 certification of inspection was not assigned by an official station to that
15 vehicle, ~~trailer, or semi-trailer~~.

16 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 4(61) is amended to read:

17 (61) "Storage trailer" means any regularly manufactured box type trailer
18 that has been removed from normal over-the-highway service and is used
19 solely for the storage of commodities at a fixed site for extended periods of
20 time. When a storage trailer is moved over the public highways, it shall not
21 contain cargo weighing more than 2,000 pounds and shall be properly

1 equipped; and in good mechanical condition, ~~and inspectable under the~~
2 ~~provisions of section 1222 of this title, except that storage trailers need not~~
3 ~~display an inspection sticker.~~

4 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

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