

1 S.211

2 An act relating to motor vehicle inspections

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

4 Sec. 1. TWO-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS;

5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; REPORT

6 (a) The Secretaries of Transportation and of Natural Resources shall
7 develop a plan to transition to a safety and emissions inspections program that
8 requires pleasure cars to be inspected once every two years beginning in
9 January 2028. The plan shall:

10 (1) establish a timeline for developing and implementing changes to the
11 existing safety and emissions inspection program to ensure that the program
12 can transition to a biennial inspection requirement for pleasure cars beginning
13 in January 2028;

14 (2) identify specific actions that are necessary to ensure that Vermont
15 remains in compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, including
16 any necessary changes to the emissions inspection program and the State
17 Implementation Plan;

18 (3) in addition to any issues or actions identified pursuant to subdivision
19 (2) of this subsection, identify any additional issues related to a change to
20 biennial emissions inspections that could prevent Vermont from remaining in

1 compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and potential options
2 for addressing those issues;

3 (4) propose a fee structure for inspections and address the potential for
4 different fees charged in relation to the inspection of different vehicle types;

5 (5) identify any anticipated impacts to State revenues during the
6 transition to biennial inspections for pleasure cars and potential options for
7 mitigating those impacts;

8 (6) include a proposal for amendments to the mileage-based user fee
9 related to annual reporting of miles traveled by battery electric vehicles during
10 years when they are not required to be inspected;

11 (7) outline an outreach and education program to inform inspection
12 mechanics, inspection stations, vehicle owners, and other interested parties of
13 the requirements of the new biennial inspection program; and

14 (8) identify any changes to the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the
15 Code of Vermont Rules that are necessary to implement the plan.

16 (b) While developing the plan pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the
17 Secretaries of Transportation and of Natural Resources shall solicit feedback
18 from stakeholders, including inspection station owners, inspection mechanics,
19 motor vehicle owners, motor vehicle dealers, and other interested parties.

20 (c) On or before October 15, 2026, the Secretaries of Transportation and of
21 Natural Resources shall submit a written report to the House Committees on

1 Environment and on Transportation and the Senate Committees on Natural
2 Resources and Energy and on Transportation regarding the plan developed
3 pursuant to this section and any recommendations for legislative action.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.