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Memo To: Senate Committee on Transportation
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Subject: Registration and Inspection Data

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) used its registration data in comparison with inspection data provided by Parsons to determine how many vehicles were registered and not inspected over the previous 5 years. DMV used data from 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. DMV registration data is not granular enough prior to the installation of the vehicle services phase of its modernization project to readily distinguish between a registration transaction (renewal, changes, reprints, etc.) and a registration requiring an inspection. Moreover, registration data prior to the system upgrade is not granular enough to distinguish between the registration of a vehicle requiring an inspection and one that does not without manual intervention.

A table is provided below that outlines 2024 data, which was all pulled from the new system. For the purpose of evaluating the five-year period, DMV modeled the 2024 data over the previous four years. Inspection numbers over the five-year period did not fluctuate more than 5% from the highest total to the lowest. Registration data followed the same pattern over the same period. Using 2024 as a model allowed DMV to show at least 90% of vehicles that were registered were inspected over the past five years.

Year	Total Registrations	Citations for No Registration	Total Individual VINs Inspected	Citations for No Inspection
2024	501,694	3015	485,577	1948

Several factors potentially contribute to the number of registrations being higher than the number of inspections. Vehicles could be registered and then fail the subsequent inspection or be taken off the road before the subsequent inspection. A vehicle can be registered multiple times during an active inspection period as it changes owners. It is also feasible that vehicles are registered from out of state and never inspected in Vermont.

DMV recommends revisiting this topic when more data is readily available in its modernized system.