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S.227

Introduced by Senators Soucy, Collamore, and Flory

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; inspections; conservation and development; air
pollution control

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that,
on or before December 15, 2018, the Secretary of Natural Resources, in
consultation with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, submit a written report
related to the State's motor vehicle emissions inspection program.

An act relating to Vermont's motor vehicle emissions inspection program

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

Sec. 1. MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS; REPORT

On or before December 15, 2018, the Secretary of Natural Resources, after
consulting with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall submit a written
report to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, the
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, and the House and
Senate Committees on Transportation that:

(1) Summarizes Vermont's minimum obligations under federal law with
respect to carrying out a program of motor vehicle emissions inspections

1 (federal requirements), and the potential consequences of failure to comply
2 with any federal requirements.

3 (2) Summarizes options for redesigning the State's program for motor
4 vehicle emissions inspections that are consistent with any federal requirements,
5 but would reduce the costs associated with the inspections and minimize the
6 burden of emissions inspection failures on low income motor vehicle
7 registrants. The options considered shall include reducing the frequency of
8 inspections, eliminating model years from inspection requirements,
9 implementing waivers available under federal law, and implementing programs
10 or policies to assist low income registrants with emissions-related repair costs.

11 (3) Includes the Secretary's recommendation as to the option that would
12 most effectively reduce the costs associated with emissions inspections and
13 minimize the burden of emissions inspection failures on low income motor
14 vehicle registrants, and any proposed legislation needed to implement the
15 Secretary's recommendation.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.