

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

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Substitute for Original House Bill No. 838 by Representative Bagley as proposed by the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

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To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2054(B)(8) and R.S. 32:357, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1306(C), to enact R.S. 32:1304.1, and to repeal R.S. 32:707.5(D)(3) and 1303, relative to vehicle inspection sticker requirements; to repeal the inspection sticker requirement for assembled vehicles; to provide for periodic inspection of commercial and student transportation vehicles and associated fees; to provide for inspections required by federal law; to provide for windshield requirements; to provide for the promulgation of standards for the regulation of emission control devices; to provide for the approval of out of state inspections under certain circumstances; to provide for the Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program; to provide relative to the operation of official inspection stations; to restrict the issuance of citations for failure to produce a certificate of inspection for a specified period; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for severability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2054(B)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2054. Air quality control; secretary of environmental quality; powers and duties

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B. The secretary shall have the following powers and duties:

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(8) To establish and implement a program for the control and abatement of motor vehicle emissions in accordance with R.S. 30:2060 and other applicable state and federal laws, particularly the Clean Air Act as amended, but not to exceed the requirements provided in such act unless specifically authorized. Such program shall be applicable only in parishes and municipalities as necessary to comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act or regulations promulgated by the United

States Environmental Protection Agency. If such program includes the periodic inspection of motor vehicles, the frequency of performing such inspections shall be as allowed by federal law or regulations or by agreements with federal agencies. During each calendar year, the secretary may exempt vehicles of that model year and vehicles from prior model years from on-board diagnostic (OBD II) testing. The fees due the department for this program pursuant to ~~R.S. 32:1306(C)(3)~~ R.S. 32:1306(C)(2) shall be deposited into the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.

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Section 2. R.S. 32:357, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1306(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:1304.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§357. Windshields required

A. Every passenger vehicle, other than a motorcycle, and every motor truck or truck tractor, and every authorized emergency vehicle shall be equipped with an adequate windshield.

B. Every noncommercial vehicle registered in this state shall be required to maintain the integrity and condition of the windshield. The standards for windshields are as follows:

(1) In the eight and one-half inch by eleven inch "acute area" directly in the driver's line of vision there shall be no cracks and there shall be no more than two stars, nicks, chips, bullseyes, or half-moons in excess of one-half inch.

(2) In the "critical area" cleaned by the normal sweep of the windshield wiper blade on the driver's side of the windshield there shall be no star which is larger than two inches in diameter; there shall be no more than two stars larger than one and one-half inches in diameter; and there shall be no more than two cracks longer than eight inches; or any combination thereof.

(3) In the remaining areas of the windshield, only those cracks which jeopardize the integrity of the windshield shall be cause for violation.

C. Every commercial motor vehicle shall have a windshield that meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 393.

D. Every school bus registered in this state shall maintain the integrity and condition of the windshield.

(1) The windshield shall be free of discoloration or damage that would interfere with the driver's view, not including a two inch border at the top and a one inch border on each side of the windshield or each panel thereof.

(2) The windshield shall not contain a crack exceeding one fourths inch in width, if not intersected by any other crack or have any damaged area which can be covered by a disc three fourths of an inch in diameter, if not closer than three inches to any other damaged area.

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§1301. Vehicles without required equipment or in unsafe condition

No person shall drive or move on any highway any motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1(40)(50), trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination thereof, unless the equipment upon any such vehicle is in good working order and adjustment as required in this Chapter and the vehicle is in such safe mechanical condition as not to endanger the driver or other occupant or any person upon the highway. Every ~~motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer vehicle~~ registered in this state which is required to be inspected pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of Louisiana, except as otherwise provided by this Chapter.

§1302. ~~Inspection~~ Enforcement by officers of the department

A. The Director of Public Safety, members of the State Police and such other officers and employees of the department as the director may designate, may at any time upon reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, or that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, require the driver of such vehicle to stop and submit such vehicle to an inspection and such test with reference thereto as may be appropriate, and issue a citation to the operator of such vehicle.

B. In the event such vehicle is found to be in unsafe condition or any required part or equipment is not present or is not in proper repair and adjustment the

officer shall give a written notice to the driver and shall send a copy to the department. Said notice shall require that such vehicle be placed in safe condition and its equipment in proper repair and adjustment specifying the particulars with reference thereto ~~and that a certificate of inspection and approval be obtained within 5 days.~~

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§1304. Secretary to require ~~periodical~~ periodic inspection; out of state inspections; commercial and student transportation vehicles

A.(1) The secretary shall at least once a ~~every other~~ year, but not more frequently than twice each year, require that every ~~motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in this state~~ commercial motor vehicle registered in this state and required to be inspected pursuant to 49 CFR Part 396, including Part 396.17 and "Appendix G" thereof, every covered farm vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds, and every student transportation vehicle registered in this state and required to be inspected pursuant to LAC 28:CXIII.701(A)(3) and regulations promulgated by the secretary be inspected and that an official certificate of inspection and approval be obtained for such vehicle. ~~However, overweight and oversize mobile homes requiring a state permit shall not be required to bear a certificate of approved inspection when being moved by a bonded carrier as defined by law nor shall used motor vehicles in transit by a dealer be required to have a certificate of inspection and approval.~~

~~(2) Such inspection should be made and such certificates obtained with respect to the mechanism, brakes, and equipment of every vehicle as shall be designated by the secretary. The secretary shall require the inspection of all approved automotive emission control devices installed on motor vehicles produced after model year 1980 to insure that such devices are operative and have not been tampered with. However, low-speed vehicles shall not be subject to regular emissions inspections~~

~~(3)(a) The secretary shall formulate and promulgate a set of standards for the control and regulation of emission control devices on all automobiles and other motor vehicles which standards shall be consistent with other federal and state regulations for the installation and operation of approved emission control devices.~~

~~(b) The secretary is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate any periods of time during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall display upon such vehicles certificates of inspection and approval and shall produce them on demand of any officer or employee of the department designated by the secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary. However, an owner or operator of a light trailer, utility trailer, boat trailer, or farm trailer need only provide a valid inspection sticker on demand of an inspecting officer to be in compliance with the inspection requirements of this Chapter.~~

~~(4) The rules and regulations adopted for the administration and enforcement of this Section shall include standards for windshields as follows:~~

~~(a) In the eight and one-half inch by eleven inch "acute area" directly in the driver's line of vision there shall be no cracks and there shall be no more than two stars, nicks, chips, bullseyes, or half-moons in excess of one-half inch.~~

~~(b) In the "critical area" cleaned by the normal sweep of the windshield wiper blade on the driver's side of the windshield there shall be no star which is larger than two inches in diameter; there shall be no more than two stars larger than one and one-half inches in diameter; and there shall be no more than two cracks longer than eight inches; or any combination thereof.~~

~~(c) In the remaining areas of the windshield, only those cracks which jeopardize the integrity of the windshield shall be cause for rejection.~~

B. The secretary is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate any periods of time during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall display upon such vehicles certificates of inspection and approval or shall produce the same on demand of any officer or employee of the department designated by the

secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary. Owners and operators of all ~~motor~~ vehicles, pursuant to this Section, required to be equipped with windshields shall display on the lower left hand corner of the windshield a certificate of inspection affixed thereto by a duly authorized motor vehicle inspection station. The secretary shall accept the certificate of inspection and approval issued by any municipality pursuant to any municipal ordinance adopted prior to July 27, 1960. However, each person who applies for a motor vehicle inspection tag in the city of New Orleans shall produce written proof of insurance from an insurer that the motor vehicle is covered by security and shall declare in writing that he ~~or she~~ intends to maintain said security at all times while said vehicle is used upon the highways of Louisiana.

~~C. The director may authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar to this Chapter and may extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an inspection was required.~~

~~D.~~(1) C. The secretary may suspend the registration of any vehicle which he determines is in such unsafe condition as to constitute a menace to safety, or which after notice and demand is not equipped as required in this Chapter, or for which a required certificate has not been obtained.

~~E.(1) The mere failure of the owner or operator of a motor vehicle required by this Section to be inspected to obtain a current and valid inspection certificate shall not be in violation, provided that the certificate has been expired less than one calendar month; nor shall an owner or operator be in violation if he shall produce on demand, under Subsection B of this Section, a certificate of inspection for the vehicle valid and effective for not more than six months and not in current display on the windshield by reason of replacement of the windshield glass.~~

~~D.(2) However, when~~ When a certificate of inspection is removed from a windshield by reason of replacement of windshield glass, the owner of the vehicle may be issued, for a fee of five dollars and twenty-five cents and return of the

original certificate to an inspection certificate station, a certificate which shall be valid for the time remaining on the original certificate.

~~F. The purchaser of a used vehicle from a private individual shall be protected from citations for failure to have an inspection tag during the interval between the date of purchase and the receipt of title, provided proof of application can be shown.~~

G. E. In order to enforce the provisions of this Section as applicable to motor vehicles which are propelled by an internal combustion engine or motor capable of using liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas, no such vehicle shall be issued a motor vehicle inspection certificate without a current decal as evidence of tax payment, as required by R.S. 47:802.3.

H. F. No motor vehicle registered in a parish that approves the fee or charge authorized by R.S. 32:1306.1 shall be inspected in a parish other than the parish of registration.

G.(1) In addition, the secretary shall require motor vehicles registered in a parish or municipality subject to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., or continuous regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency requiring performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, be inspected in accordance with R.S. 30:2054(B)(8). Nothing in this Section shall be construed to relieve any operator of a motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle as defined in R.S. 32:1(50), trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination thereof from compliance with the provisions of R.S. 32:1301.

(2) The secretary shall require the inspection of all approved automotive emission control devices installed on vehicles required to be inspected or that were produced after model year 1980 to ensure that such devices have not been tampered with and are operative. However, low-speed vehicles shall not be subject to regular emissions inspections.

(3)(a) The secretary shall formulate and promulgate a set of standards for the control and regulation of emission control devices on all automobiles and other motor vehicles subject to inspection pursuant to this Section, which standards shall

be consistent with other federal and state regulations for the installation and operation of approved emission control devices.

(b) The secretary is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate any periods of time during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall provide external, readily visible certificates of inspection for emissions inspection and approval or shall produce them on demand of any officer or employee of the department designated by the secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary.

H. The secretary may authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar to this Chapter and may extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an inspection was required.

#### §1304.1. Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program

A. The secretary shall require that every motor vehicle or low speed vehicle, as defined in R.S. 32:1(50), registered in this state bear a Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program sticker.

B. The Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program sticker shall contain the vehicle's registration information and be visible to law enforcement.

C. The fee for the Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program shall not exceed six dollars per year and may be assessed and collected on a biennial basis.

D.(1) The secretary is hereby authorized to promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall display upon such vehicles program stickers.

(2) The rules and regulations adopted for the administration and enforcement of this Section shall include but not be limited to:

(a) The location to affix the program sticker.

(b) The inclusion of a barcode, quick response code, or comparable electronic identifier on the sticker.

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§1306. Operation of official inspection stations

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C.(1)(a) A charge or fee shall be charged for each certificate of inspection and approval issued, as provided in this Subsection.

~~(b) Persons operating an official inspection station shall offer certificates of inspection that are valid for both one year and two year periods. The owner of the vehicle shall have the option of purchasing a one year or a two year certificate. A charge or fee shall be charged for each year of validity of the certificate of inspection and approval issued, as provided in this Subsection.~~

~~(c) The provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall not apply to the inspection programs provided for in Paragraphs (3) and (5) of this Subsection and to student transportation vehicles.~~

~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, for each year of validity of the certificate issued, a charge or fee of ten dollars shall be charged, four dollars and seventy-five cents of which shall be retained by the operator of the motor vehicle inspection station conducting the inspection, four dollars of which shall be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement, and one dollar and twenty-five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with the motor vehicle inspection and financial responsibility programs. Included in the inspection shall be the adjustment of headlights when needed and mechanically practical, at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle inspected.~~

~~(3)(a)~~ (2)(a) For parishes and municipalities that have a vehicle inspection and maintenance program required by the federal Clean Air Act or regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, ~~an additional~~ eight dollars shall be charged for each inspection that includes the performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program pursuant to the provisions of R.S.

30:2054(B)(8) for 1980 or newer model year motor vehicles. The motor vehicle inspection station shall retain six dollars of the ~~additional~~ charge for implementation and performance of the I/M program. Two dollars of the ~~additional~~ charge shall be transferred to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to implement and operate the inspection and maintenance program.

(b) The department shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Paragraph.

~~(c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to any trailer, light trailer, or semitrailer.~~

~~(4)~~ (3) The maintenance and inspection program and the fees provided for in Paragraph ~~(3)~~ (2) of this Subsection shall be discontinued when the I/M program is discontinued as allowed by the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., and regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or agreements with the agency concerning the implementation of this program, or result in any other noncompliance regarding this Subsection.

~~(5)~~ (4) An annual charge or fee of thirty dollars shall be charged for the inspection of all commercial motor vehicles which are required to be inspected under the provisions of ~~Part 396 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations~~ 49 CFR Part 396, including Part 396.17 and "Appendix G" thereof. No charges or fees other than the thirty-dollar fee shall be charged for a commercial motor vehicle inspection. Of the thirty-dollar fee, the motor vehicle inspection station operator who performs this inspection shall retain twenty-three dollars and seventy-five cents; two dollars and twenty-five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with motor vehicle and financial responsibility programs; and four dollars of which shall be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement. Included in the inspection shall be the adjustment of headlights at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle being inspected. ~~The Legislature of Louisiana hereby declares that a commercial motor vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and~~

~~that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.~~

~~(6)(a)~~ (5)(a) The charge or fee for the inspection of student transportation vehicles which are required to be inspected ~~under~~ pursuant to LAC 28:CXIII.701(A)(3) shall be twenty dollars. No charges or fees other than the twenty-dollar fee shall be charged for a student transportation vehicle inspection. Of the twenty-dollar fee, the motor vehicle inspection station operator who performs this inspection shall retain fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents; one dollar and twenty-five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses associated with motor vehicle and financial responsibility programs; and four dollars shall be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement.

(b) The adjustment of headlights shall be included in the inspection at no additional cost to the owner or operator of the school bus being inspected.

~~(c) The Legislature of Louisiana hereby declares that a student transportation vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection required of other motor vehicles and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of student transportation vehicles is based on the difference in these types of inspections.~~

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Section 3. R.S. 32:707.5(D)(3) and 1303 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. The commissioner of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the implementation of the provisions of this Act by no later than December 31, 2026 and is authorized to use the emergency rulemaking process.

Section 5. For the period from June 30, 2026 to January 1, 2027, no law enforcement officer shall issue citations to any motor vehicle for failing to produce or display a certificate of inspection.

Section 6. For the parishes subject to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., or continuous regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency requiring performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, this Act

shall take effect if and when the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopts the proposed State Implementation Plan amendments submitted by the Department of Environmental Quality. For all other parishes, this Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

Section 7. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Eliminates the requirement for certain vehicles to have on inspection sticker.

Present law (R.S. 30:2054(B)(8)) establishes and implements a program for the control and abatement of vehicle emissions in accordance with present law (R.S. 30:2060) and other applicable state and federal laws, particularly the Clean Air Act as amended, but not to exceed the requirements provided unless specifically authorized. Further requires that the program be applicable only in parishes and municipalities necessary to comply with the Clean Air Act or regulations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Additionally requires that if the program includes the periodic inspection of vehicles, the frequency of performing the inspections be as allowed by federal law or regulations or by agreements with federal agencies. Authorizes the secretary to annually exempt vehicles of that model year and vehicles from prior model years from on-board diagnostic (OBD II) testing. Further requires that the fees due the dept. for this program pursuant to present law be deposited into the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account.

Proposed law updates the reference to a redesignated area of law.

Present law (R.S. 32:357) requires every passenger vehicle, other than a motorcycle, and every motor truck or truck tractor, and every authorized emergency vehicle be equipped with an adequate windshield.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:357(B)) retains present law and adds a requirement that every noncommercial vehicle registered in this state maintain the integrity and condition of the windshield. Further outlines the standards for windshields as follows:

- (1) Requires eight and 1/2 in. by 11 in. "acute area" directly in the driver's line of vision have no cracks and have no more than two stars, nicks, chips, bullseyes, or half-moons in excess of one-half inch.
- (2) Requires in the "critical area" cleaned by the normal sweep of the windshield wiper blade on the driver's side of the windshield there be no star larger than two inches in diameter; there be no more than two stars larger than one and 1/2in. in diameter. Further requires there be no more than two cracks longer than eight inches; or any combination.
- (3) Requires that in the remaining areas of the windshield, cracks which jeopardize the integrity of the windshield are a cause for violation.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:357(C)) requires every commercial motor vehicle have a windshield that meets the requirements of federal law.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:357(D)) requires every school bus registered in this state maintain the integrity and condition of the windshield. Further outlines requirements of the windshield:

- (1) Be free of discoloration or damage that would interfere with the driver's view, not including a two inch border at the top and a one inch border at each side of the windshield or each panel.
- (2) Not contain a crack exceeding 1/4 in. in width, if not intersected by any other crack or have any damaged area which can be covered by a disc 3/4 in. in diameter, if not closer than three inches to any other damaged area.

Present law (R.S. 32:1301) specifies that no person is permitted to drive or move on any highway any motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle as defined in present law, any trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination thereof, unless the equipment upon any such vehicle is in good working order and adjustment as required in present law and the vehicle is in such safe mechanical condition as not to endanger the driver or other occupant or any person upon the highway. Further, specifies that every vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in this state must bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of La., except as otherwise provided by present law.

Proposed law retains present law but removes "motor" and "low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer vehicles" to be required to bear a valid safety inspection certificate. Further clarifies that every vehicle which is required to be inspected by law bear a valid inspection certificate.

Present law (R.S. 32:1302) authorizes certain law enforcement agencies to issue citations for vehicles that are unsafe or not equipped according to present law.

Proposed law removes the requirement that a certificate of inspection and approval be obtained within five days if the vehicle is deemed unsafe.

Present law (R.S. 32:1304(A)) requires the secretary at least once every other year, but not more frequently than twice each year, require that every vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer registered in this state be inspected and that an official certificate of inspection and approval be obtained for such vehicle. Further specifies that overweight and oversize mobile homes requiring a state permit not be required to bear a certificate of approved inspection when being moved by a bonded carrier or used vehicles in transit by a dealer be required to have a certificate of inspection and approval. Provides standards for windshields.

Proposed law requires that the secretary at least once a year, but not more frequently than twice a year, require every commercial vehicle registered in this state and required it to be inspected pursuant to federal regulations, every covered farm vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating exceeding 26,000 lbs, and every student transportation vehicle registered in this state and required to be inspected pursuant the La. Administrative Code be given an official certificate of inspection and approval. Further removes reference to overweight and oversized mobile homes and used vehicles in transit by dealers. Removes provisions related to windshields.

Present law (R.S. 32:1304(B)) requires owners and operators of all motor vehicles to be equipped with windshields and display on the lower left hand corner of the windshield a certificate of inspection affixed by a duly authorized vehicle inspection station.

Proposed law removes the term "motor" when referencing vehicles.

Present law (R.S. 32:1304(C)) authorizes the director to accept in this state a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar to this

present law and may extend the time within which a certificate required to be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an inspection was required.

Proposed law removes present law.

Present law (R.S. 32:1304(E)(1)) specifies that lack of a valid inspection sticker that has been expired for less than a month and lack of displayed inspection certificate on a replaced windshield glass does not constitute a violation.

Proposed law removes present law.

Present law (R.S. 32:1304(E)(2)) specifies an exception that when a certificate of inspection is removed from a windshield by reason of replacement of windshield glass, the owner of the vehicle may be issued, for a fee of \$5.25 and return of the original certificate to an inspection certificate station, a certificate which must be valid for the time remaining on the original certificate.

Proposed law redesignates present law.

Present law (R.S. 32:1304(F)) requires the purchaser of a used vehicle from a private individual be protected from citations for failure to have an inspection tag during the interval between the date of purchase and the receipt of title, provided proof of application can be shown.

Proposed law removes present law.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:1304(G)(1)) specifies that the secretary must require vehicles registered in a parish or municipality subject to the federal Clean Air Act, or continuous regulations promulgated by the U.S. EPA requiring performance of the inspection and maintenance program, be inspected in accordance with present law. Further requires that nothing be construed to relieve any operator of a vehicle, low-speed vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination from compliance with the provisions of present law.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:1304(G)(2)) specifies that the secretary must require the inspection of all approved automotive emission control devices installed on vehicles required to be inspected or that were produced after model year 1980 to ensure that such devices have not been tampered with and are operative. Further exempts low-speed vehicles from regular emissions inspections.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:1304(G)(3)) requires the secretary formulate and promulgate a set of standards for the control and regulation of emission control devices on all automobiles and other vehicles subject to inspection pursuant proposed law, which standards must be consistent with other federal and state regulations for the installation and operation of approved emission control devices. Further authorizes the secretary to make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of proposed law and to designate any periods of time during which owners of vehicles and require they provide external, readily visible certificates of inspection for emissions inspection and approval or produce them on demand of any officer or employee of the dept. designated by the secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:1304(H)) authorizes the secretary to accept state certificates of inspection and approve those issued in another state having an inspection law similar inspection laws of La. and extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an inspection was required.

Proposed law (R.S. 32:1304.1) specifies that the secretary must require every vehicle or low speed vehicle registered in this state bear a La. Vehicle Identification Program sticker. Further requires that the sticker contain the vehicle's registration information, visible to law enforcement. Further requires that the fee not exceed \$6 per year and may be assessed and collected on a biennial basis. Further authorizes the secretary make necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of proposed law and to designate during which owners of vehicles display upon such vehicles program stickers. Further specifies that the rules and regulation include but are not limited to the location to affix the program sticker and the inclusion of a barcode, quick response code, or comparable electronic identifiers on the sticker.

Present law (R.S. 32:1306(C)(1)) requires certain charges or fees be charged for each certificate of inspection and approval issued for specific vehicles. Further specifies the validity of certificate of inspection periods.

Proposed law removes the specified certain charges for certain vehicles and the validity periods.

Present law (R.S. 32:1306(C)(3)) specifies that for parishes and municipalities that have a vehicle inspection and maintenance program required by the federal Clean Air Act or regulations promulgated by the U.S. EPA, an additional \$8 is charged for each inspection that includes the performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program pursuant to present law for 1980 or newer model year motor vehicles. Further requires that the motor vehicle inspection station retain \$6 of the additional charge for implementation and performance of the I/M program. Additionally requires that \$2 of the additional charge be transferred to the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality to implement and operate the inspection and maintenance program. Further provides that the provisions in present law not apply to trailers, light trailers, or semitrailers.

Proposed law removes "additional" from the charges for inspection. Additionally removes that present law not apply to trailers, light trailers, or semitrailers.

Present law (R.S. 32:1306(C)(5)) requires an annual charge or fee of \$30 be charged for the inspection of all commercial vehicles which are required to be inspected under the provisions of Part 396 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including Part 396.17 and "Appendix G" thereof. Further specifies that no charges or fees other than the \$30 fee can be charged for a commercial vehicle inspection. Further requires that of the \$30 fee, the vehicle inspection station operator who performs this inspection \$23.75; \$2.25 be transferred to the office of motor vehicles (OMV) for expenses associated with vehicle and financial responsibility programs; and \$4 of be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement. Additionally requires the inspection be the adjustment of headlights at no additional cost to the operator of the motor vehicle being inspected. Further specifies that the legislature declares that a commercial vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in present law and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.

Proposed law redesignates present law and removes the specification that the legislature declares that a commercial vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in present law and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.

Present law (R.S. 32:1306(C)(6)) specifies certain charges for the inspection of student transportation vehicles. Further requires that adjustment of headlights in inspections be at no additional cost. Additionally specifies that the legislature declares that a commercial vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in present law and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.

Proposed law redesignates present law and retains the certain charges for the inspection of student transportation vehicles and that adjustment of headlights in inspections be at no additional cost. Further removes the specification that the legislature declares that a commercial vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in present law and that the increase in the fee or charge for the inspection of commercial vehicles is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.

Directs the commissioner of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, OMV, to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the implementation of the proposed law by no later than Dec. 31, 2026 and is authorized to use the emergency rulemaking process.

Specifies that for the period from June 30, 2026 to Jan. 1, 2027, no law enforcement officer can issue citations to any vehicle for failing to produce or display a certificate of inspection.

Specifies that for the parishes subject to the federal Clean Air Act, or continuous regulations promulgated by the U.S. EPA requiring performance of the (I/M) program, requiring proposed law take effect if and when the U.S. EPA adopts the proposed State Implementation Plan amendments submitted by the Dept. of Environmental Quality. For all other parishes and take effect on Jan. 1, 2027.

Provides that the provision of proposed law is severable.

(Amends R.S. 30:2054(B)(8) and R.S. 32:357, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1306(C); Add R.S. 32:1304.1; Repeals R.S. 32:707.5(D)(3) and 1303)