

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1085 (Substitute for House Bill No. 838 by Representative Bagley)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

MTR VEHICLE/INSPECTION: Provides with respect to vehicle inspection stickers

1 AN ACT

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

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

16 §2054. Air quality control; secretary of environmental quality; powers and duties

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

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1 larger than two inches in diameter; there shall be no more than two stars larger than  
2 one and one-half inches in diameter; and there shall be no more than two cracks  
3 longer than eight inches; or any combination thereof.

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

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

8 D.(1) Every school bus registered in this state shall maintain the integrity and  
9 condition of the windshield.

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

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

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18 §1301. Vehicles without required equipment or in unsafe condition

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

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.



1 certificate of approved inspection when being moved by a bonded carrier as defined  
2 by law nor shall used motor vehicles in transit by a dealer be required to have a  
3 certificate of inspection and approval.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8           B. The secretary is hereby authorized to make necessary rules and  
9           regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Section and to designate  
10          any periods of time during which owners of vehicles, subject to this Section, shall  
11          display upon such vehicles certificates of inspection and approval or shall produce  
12          the same on demand of any officer or employee of the department designated by the  
13          secretary or any police or peace officer when authorized by the secretary. Owners  
14          and operators of all motor vehicles, pursuant to this Section, required to be equipped  
15          with windshields shall display on the lower left hand corner of the windshield a  
16          certificate of inspection affixed thereto by a duly authorized motor vehicle inspection  
17          station. The secretary shall accept the certificate of inspection and approval issued  
18          by any municipality pursuant to any municipal ordinance adopted prior to July 27,  
19          1960. However, each person who applies for a motor vehicle inspection tag in the  
20          city of New Orleans shall produce written proof of insurance from an insurer that the  
21          motor vehicle is covered by security and shall declare in writing that he ~~or she~~  
22          intends to maintain said security at all times while said vehicle is used upon the  
23          highways of Louisiana.

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

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

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

12           ~~D.(2) However, when~~ When a certificate of inspection is removed from a  
13 windshield by reason of replacement of windshield glass, the owner of the vehicle  
14 may be issued, for a fee of five dollars and twenty-five cents and return of the  
15 original certificate to an inspection certificate station, a certificate which shall be  
16 valid for the time remaining on the original certificate.

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

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

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

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

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

14          (3)(a) The secretary shall formulate and promulgate a set of standards for the  
15          control and regulation of emission control devices on all automobiles and other  
16          motor vehicles subject to inspection pursuant to this Section, which standards shall  
17          be consistent with other federal and state regulations for the installation and  
18          operation of approved emission control devices.

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

26          H. The secretary may authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate  
27          of inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar  
28          to this Chapter and may extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained

1 by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an  
2 inspection was required.

3 §1304.1. Louisiana Vehicle Identification Program

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

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

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

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

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

17 (a) The location to affix the program sticker.

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

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21 §1306. Operation of official inspection stations

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

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

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

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

14           ~~(3)(a)~~ (2)(a) For parishes and municipalities that have a vehicle inspection  
15           and maintenance program required by the federal Clean Air Act or regulations  
16           promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, ~~an additional~~  
17           eight dollars shall be charged for each inspection that includes the performance of  
18           the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program pursuant to the provisions of R.S.  
19           30:2054(B)(8) for 1980 or newer model year motor vehicles. The motor vehicle  
20           inspection station shall retain six dollars of the ~~additional~~ charge for implementation  
21           and performance of the I/M program. Two dollars of the ~~additional~~ charge shall be  
22           transferred to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to implement and  
23           operate the inspection and maintenance program.

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

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

28           ~~(4)~~ (3) The maintenance and inspection program and the fees provided for  
29           in Paragraph ~~(3)~~ (2) of this Subsection shall be discontinued when the I/M program

1 is discontinued as allowed by the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq., and  
2 regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or  
3 agreements with the agency concerning the implementation of this program, or result  
4 in any other noncompliance regarding this Subsection.

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

21 ~~(6)(a)~~ (5)(a) The charge or fee for the inspection of student transportation  
22 vehicles which are required to be inspected ~~under~~ pursuant to LAC  
23 28:CXIII.701(A)(3) shall be twenty dollars. No charges or fees other than the  
24 twenty-dollar fee shall be charged for a student transportation vehicle inspection. Of  
25 the twenty-dollar fee, the motor vehicle inspection station operator who performs  
26 this inspection shall retain fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents; one dollar and  
27 twenty-five cents shall be transferred to the office of motor vehicles for expenses  
28 associated with motor vehicle and financial responsibility programs; and four dollars  
29 shall be transferred to the office of state police for use in traffic law enforcement.

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

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

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

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

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

17 Section 6. For the parishes subject to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et  
18 seq., or continuous regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection  
19 Agency requiring performance of the inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, this Act  
20 shall take effect if and when the United States Environmental Protection Agency adopts the  
21 proposed State Implementation Plan amendments submitted by the Department of  
22 Environmental Quality. For all other parishes, this Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 1085 Engrossed

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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 ½ 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 as follows:

- (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) prohibits a person from driving or moving on any hwy. operating a motor vehicle, low-speed vehicle as defined in present law, any trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer, or any combination, unless the equipment on the 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 hwy. 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 the director of public safety and certain law enforcement agencies to require the driver to stop and submit the vehicle to an inspection if the vehicle appears unsafe, no equipped as required by law, or its equipment is not proper. Requires the officer provide written notice to the driver and send a copy to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) if the vehicle is found to be unsafe or not proper within five days.

Proposed law requires the vehicle be issued a citation for vehicles if it is found to be unsafe or not equipped according to present 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 emission control devices and 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 require 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 require inspection pursuant the La. Administrative Code and 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, provisions related to windshields, and provisions related to emission control devices.

Present law (R.S. 32:1304(B)) requires owners and operators of all vehicles equipped with windshields 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 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 when authorized.

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 must be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle 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 the 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 vehicles. Further requires that the 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 I/M 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 and removes the exemption for not 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 applicable federal regulations. Prohibits additional charges or fees other than the \$30 fee for a commercial vehicle inspection. Further requires that of the \$30 fee, the vehicle inspection station operator who performs this inspection retain \$23.75, with \$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. Prohibits an additional cost for the inspection of an adjustment of headlights inspection. 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. Prohibits an additional cost for the inspection of an adjustment of headlights inspection. Additionally specifies that the legislature declares that a student transportation 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 student transportation vehicle inspection 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 student transportation vehicle inspection is much more extensive than the inspection mandated in present law and that the increase in the fee or charge for the student transportation vehicle inspection is based on the difference in the two types of inspection.

Directs the commissioner of the DPS&C, 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, require that 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 proposed law takes 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)