

Existing law requires every motor vehicle registered in this state to bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of La.

Prior law provided that no person shall make, issue, or knowingly use any imitation or counterfeit of an official certificate of inspection. Further provided that any person who commits this act shall be subject to a criminal penalty including a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Further provided that such person shall also be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.

New law repeals the provision of prior law which subjects any person who makes, issues, or knowingly uses any imitation or counterfeit of an official certificate of inspection to criminal and civil penalties.

New law creates the crime of forgery of a motor vehicle inspection certificate and provides criminal penalties for the commission of the offense of imprisonment for not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 32:1308; Adds R.S. 14:72.6)