

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 564

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/INSPECTION: Provides relative to motor vehicle inspections

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1306(C)(1)(b) and (c) and to enact R.S. 32:1311(G), relative

3 to motor vehicle inspections; to require official inspection stations to offer

4 certificates of inspections that are valid for various periods of time; to exempt certain

5 trailers from inspection requirements; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:1306(C)(1)(b) and (c) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

7 32:1311(G) is hereby enacted to read as follow:

8 §1306. Operation of official inspection stations

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10 C.(1)

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12 (b) Persons operating an official inspection station shall offer certificates of

13 inspection that are valid for ~~both one year, and two year, and five year~~ periods. A

14 five year certificate of inspection shall only be issued to motor vehicles that are

15 seven model years old or newer. The owner of the vehicle shall have the option of

16 purchasing a one year, ~~or~~ a two year, or a five year certificate. A charge or fee shall

17 be charged for each year of validity of the certificate of inspection and approval

18 issued, as provided in this Subsection.

1 (c) The provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph relative to optional  
2 two or five year certificate of inspections shall not apply to the inspection programs  
3 provided for in Paragraphs (3) and (5) of this Subsection and to student  
4 transportation vehicles.

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6 §1311. Exemptions

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8 G. Tandem axle trailers shall be exempt from the inspection requirements  
9 of this Chapter unless used in commerce and subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
10 Administration regulations.

11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on September 1, 2015.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires persons operating an official inspection station to offer certificates of inspection that valid for five years for motor vehicles that are seven model years old or newer. Exempts certain trailers from motor vehicle inspection requirements.

Present law requires persons operating an official inspection station to offer certificates of inspection that are valid for both one year and two year periods.

Present law permits the owner of a vehicle to have the option of purchasing a one year or two year certificate.

Present law requires a charge or fee of \$10 to be charged for each year of validity of the certificate of inspection and approval issued.

Proposed law retains present law and adds requirement that persons operating an official inspection to offer certificates of inspection that are valid for five years for motor vehicles that are seven model years old or newer.

Present law and proposed law provide that the options for a two year or five year certificate do not apply to the inspection program for vehicles in non-attainment parishes and municipalities pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act or regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection agency, to commercial vehicles, and to student transportation vehicles.

Present law requires certain types of trailers bear a valid safety inspection certificate issued in the state of La.

Proposed law exempts tandem axle trailers from this requirement unless the trailer is used in commerce and subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations.

Effective September 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 32:1306(C)(1)(b) and (c); Adds R.S. 32:1311(G))