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Short Title: Limit Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspections.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT COUNTIES IN WHICH MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS
3 INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-215.107A reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 143-215.107A. Motor vehicle emissions testing and maintenance program.**

7 (a) General Provisions. –

8 (1) G.S. 143-215.107(a)(6) shall be implemented as provided in this section.

9 (2) Motor vehicle emissions inspections shall be performed by a person who
10 holds an emissions inspection mechanic license issued as provided in
11 G.S. 20-183.4A(c) at a station that holds an emissions inspection station
12 license issued under G.S. 20-183.4A(a) or at a place of business that holds
13 an emissions self-inspector license issued as provided in G.S. 20-183.4A(d).
14 Motor vehicle emissions inspections may be performed by a decentralized
15 network of test-and-repair stations as described in 40 Code of Federal
16 Regulations § 51.353 (1 July 1998 Edition). The Commission may not
17 require that motor vehicle emissions inspections be performed by a network
18 of centralized or decentralized test-only stations.

19 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2000-134, s. 2, effective July 14, 2000.

20 (c) Counties Covered. – Motor vehicle emissions inspections shall be performed in the
21 following counties: Alamance, ~~Brunswick~~, ~~Buncombe~~, ~~Burke~~, ~~Cabarrus~~, ~~Caldwell~~, ~~Carteret~~,
22 ~~Catawba~~, ~~Chatham~~, ~~Cleveland~~, ~~Craven~~, ~~Cumberland~~, Davidson, Durham, ~~Edgecombe~~, Forsyth,
23 ~~Franklin~~, Gaston, ~~Granville~~, Guilford, ~~Harnett~~, ~~Haywood~~, ~~Henderson~~, Iredell, Johnston, ~~Lee~~,
24 ~~Lenoir~~, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, ~~Moore~~, ~~Nash~~, ~~New Hanover~~, ~~Onslow~~, Orange, Pitt, Randolph,
25 ~~Robeson~~, ~~Rockingham~~, ~~Rowan~~, ~~Rutherford~~, ~~Stanly~~, ~~Stokes~~, ~~Surry~~, Union, ~~Wake~~, ~~Wayne~~,
26 ~~Wilkes and Wilson~~, and Wake."

27 **SECTION 2.** No later than July 1, 2018, the Department of Environment and
28 Natural Resources shall prepare and submit to the United States Environmental Protection
29 Agency for approval by that agency a proposed North Carolina State Implementation Plan
30 amendment based on the change to the motor vehicle emissions testing program provided in
31 this act.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective on the later of the following dates and
33 applies to motor vehicles inspected, or due to be inspected, on or after the effective date of this
34 act:

35 (1) January 1, 2020.



1 (2) The first day of a month that is 60 days after the Department of Environment
2 and Natural Resources certifies to the Revisor of Statutes that the United
3 States Environmental Protection Agency has approved an amendment to the
4 North Carolina State Implementation Plan submitted as required by Section
5 2 of this act. The Department shall provide this notice along with the
6 effective date of this act on its Web site and by written or electronic notice to
7 emissions inspection mechanic license holders, emissions inspection station
8 licensees, and self-inspector licensees in the counties where motor vehicle
9 emissions inspection requirements are removed by this act.