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**HOUSE BILL 153
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Short Title: DOT/DEQ to Study Safety and Emissions Inspec.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 21, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO STUDY THE
NORTH CAROLINA SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Quality shall jointly study the North Carolina Safety and Emissions Inspection Program, including whether the frequency of vehicle safety and emissions inspections can be decreased or eliminated and potential changes to the program that would add to its efficiency in light of motor vehicle modernization, driver commute trends, and relevant changes to State and federal programs related to motor vehicle safety and emissions inspections. The Departments shall include all of the following in their report:

- (1) North Carolina Safety and Emissions Inspections Program background.
- (2) A summary of other state safety and emissions programs, as applicable.
- (3) A motor vehicle inspection analysis process description.
- (4) A financial analysis of the program, including the following, at a minimum:
 - a. State safety inspection fees.
 - b. State emissions inspection fees.
 - c. Fee generation and use summaries.
 - d. Program projections or issues related to fee receipts moving forward.
- (5) Current program statistics and projections.
- (6) Program projections due to motor vehicle modernization.
- (7) The Departments shall conduct and summarize results from a motor vehicle safety and emissions inspections station survey.
- (8) The Departments shall also consider public safety, air quality, savings to vehicle owners, impacts on State revenue trends, and potential effects to motor vehicle inspection station industry within this State.
- (9) Legislative recommendations, including changes to safety and emissions inspections program exceptions and changes to inspection fee amounts and their distribution, as applicable.
- (10) Any other information, issues, recommendations, or topics the Departments deem relevant.

No later than March 1, 2026, the Departments shall jointly submit their report to the North Carolina General Assembly and the Fiscal Research Division and shall jointly report their findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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