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SENATOR J. WARD, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 28, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for
3 prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4706 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 4706. Prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection
9 program.

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11 (h.1) Revised State implementation plan.--

12 (1) Within 60 days of the effective date of this
13 paragraph, the Department of Environmental Protection shall
14 initiate the process of removing the following counties from
15 the enhanced vehicle emission inspection and maintenance
16 program:

17 (i) A county of the third class with a population
18 between 215,000 and 216,000 based on the most recent

1 Federal decennial census.

2 (ii) A county of the third class with a population  
3 between 325,000 and 326,000 based on the most recent  
4 Federal decennial census.

5 (iii) A county of the third class with a population  
6 between 354,000 and 355,000 based on the most recent  
7 Federal decennial census.

8 (iv) A county of the fourth class with a population  
9 between 133,000 and 134,000 based on the most recent  
10 Federal decennial census.

11 (v) A county of the fifth class with a population  
12 between 122,000 and 123,000 based on the most recent  
13 Federal decennial census.

14 (vi) A county of the fifth class with a population  
15 between 114,000 and 115,000 based on the most recent  
16 Federal decennial census.

17 (vii) A county of the fifth class with a population  
18 between 110,000 and 111,000 based on the most recent  
19 Federal decennial census.

20 (1.1) FOR A COUNTY THAT IS NOT REMOVED FROM THE ENHANCED <--  
21 VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM THROUGH  
22 THE PROCESS INITIATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) AND PRIOR TO THE  
23 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH WAS SUBJECT TO THE ENHANCED  
24 VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHALL INITIATE THE  
26 PROCESS OF REMOVING THE COUNTY FROM THE ENHANCED VEHICLE  
27 EMISSION INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IF THE DEPARTMENT  
28 OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT THE COUNTY  
29 CAN MAINTAIN THE RELEVANT STANDARDS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF THE  
30 EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE VEHICLE EMISSION

1 INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

2 (2) The revised State implementation plan shall be  
3 completed and submitted to the United States Environmental  
4 Protection Agency no later than January 1, 2026, and shall  
5 demonstrate that the counties listed under paragraph (1) can  
6 maintain the relevant standards without benefit of the  
7 emissions reductions attributable to the vehicle emission  
8 inspection and maintenance program.

9 (2.1) IN ADDITION TO THE REVISED STATE IMPLEMENTATION <--  
10 PLAN SUBMITTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2), THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A REVISED  
12 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN NO LATER THAN 180 DAYS AFTER  
13 INITIATING THE PROCESS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1.1).

14 (3) The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
15 comply with Federal law during the process of the ~~revision~~ <--  
16 REVISIONS, including by ensuring that the ~~revision~~ REVISIONS <--  
17 will not interfere with attainment requirements or reasonable  
18 further progress toward attainment, and that Federal funding  
19 is not negatively impacted as a result of the ~~revision~~ <--  
20 REVISIONS. <--

21 (4) The Department of Environmental Protection shall  
22 notify the following of its submission of ~~the~~ A revised State <--  
23 implementation plan, AS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED UNDER THIS <--  
24 SUBSECTION, to the United States Environmental Protection  
25 Agency:

26 (i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
27 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the  
28 Senate.

29 (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
30 Environmental Resources and Energy AND NATURAL RESOURCE <--

1           PROTECTION Committee of the House of Representatives.

2           (iii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of  
3           the Transportation Committee of the Senate.

4           (iv) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
5           Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

6           (5) Upon approval by the United States Environmental  
7           Protection Agency of ~~the~~ A revised State implementation plan, <--  
8           the Secretary of Environmental Protection shall transmit  
9           notice of the approval to the Legislative Reference Bureau  
10           for publication in the next available issue of the  
11           Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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13           Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.