

HOUSE BILL 1658

By Garrett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1; Title 55, Chapter 6 and Title 68, Chapter 201, relative to motor vehicle inspection requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-130, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i) Any owner or operator of a motor vehicle required to undergo testing pursuant to § 55-4-101(d)(2), § 55-4-104(e)(2), § 55-6-105(a)(9), or § 68-201-119 that has a malfunction indicator lamp that is illuminated at the time of testing, shall have the option of electing a tailpipe emissions test in lieu of an onboard diagnostic test.

SECTION 2. The air pollution control board is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect on the January 1 following the date on which the United States environmental protection agency (EPA) approves a revised state implementation plan consistent with this act, the public welfare requiring it. However, if on such January 1, a contract exists between the department and a contractor providing inspection services, or a local pollution control program and a contractor providing inspection services, then Section 1 shall take effect in those jurisdictions that are covered by the contract upon the date of the contract's termination or expiration or the effective date of the contract's renewal or an applicable amendment to the inspection service fee of such contract, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

SECTION 4. The commissioner of environment and conservation shall certify in writing to the executive secretary of the Tennessee code commission the date of the approval by the EPA described in Section 3 and provide the executive secretary of the commission with a copy of such approval. If a contract exists on the January 1 following the date of approval of the revised state implementation plan, then the commissioner or the chief public officer of the local pollution control program, whichever is applicable, shall also certify in writing the date of the department's or local pollution control program's contract termination or expiration or the effective date of the contract's renewal or an applicable amendment to the inspection service fee of such contract, and provide the executive secretary of the commission with a copy of the signed document.