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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; inspections

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the scope of motor vehicle safety inspections and to require the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to adopt amended inspection rules that are consistent with the limited scope of safety inspections.

An act relating to limiting the scope of motor vehicle safety inspections

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1222 is amended to read:

3 § 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES

4 (a) Except for school buses, which shall be inspected as prescribed in
5 section 1282 of this title, and motor buses as defined in subdivision 4(17) of
6 this title, which shall be inspected twice during the calendar year at six-month
7 intervals, all motor vehicles registered in this State shall be inspected once
8 each year. Any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer not currently inspected in
9 this State shall be inspected within 15 days ~~from~~ following the date of its
10 registration in the State of Vermont.

11 (b)(1) The inspections shall be made at garages or qualified service
12 stations, designated by the Commissioner as inspection stations, for the
13 purpose of determining whether those motor vehicles are properly equipped
14 and maintained in good mechanical condition; however, the scope of the safety
15 inspection of a motor vehicle other than a school bus or a commercial motor
16 vehicle shall be limited to the following parts or systems, and the vehicle shall
17 not fail inspection unless the part or system poses or is likely to pose a danger
18 to the operator or to other highway users:

19 (A) front suspension system;

20 (B) ball joints;

21 (C) brakes;

1 § 844(e)(1)(D). As soon as practicable after the effective date of this section,
2 the Commissioner shall adopt permanent rules governing motor vehicle safety
3 inspections that are consistent with the permissible scope of safety inspections
4 enacted in Sec. 1 of this act.

5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

6 (a) This section and Sec. 2 shall take effect on passage.

7 (b) Sec. 1 shall take effect on October 1, 2018.