

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Transportation to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 211 entitled “An act relating to motor vehicle inspections” respectfully reports
4 that it has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by
5 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the
6 following:

7 Sec. 1. TWO-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS;
8 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; REPORT

9 (a) The Secretaries of Transportation and of Natural Resources shall
10 develop a plan to transition to a safety and emissions inspections program that
11 requires pleasure cars to be inspected once every two years beginning in
12 January 2028. The plan shall:

13 (1) establish a timeline for developing and implementing changes to the
14 existing safety and emissions inspection program to ensure that the program
15 can transition to a biennial inspection requirement for pleasure cars beginning
16 in January 2028;

17 (2) identify specific actions that are necessary to ensure that Vermont
18 remains in compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, including
19 any necessary changes to the emissions inspection program and the State
20 Implementation Plan;

1 (3) in addition to any issues or actions identified pursuant to subdivision
2 (2) of this subsection, identify any additional issues related to a change to
3 biennial emissions inspections that could prevent Vermont from remaining in
4 compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and potential options
5 for addressing those issues;

6 (4) propose a fee structure for inspections and address the potential for
7 different fees charged in relation to the inspection of different vehicle types;

8 (5) identify any anticipated impacts to State revenues during the
9 transition to biennial inspections for pleasure cars and potential options for
10 mitigating those impacts;

11 (6) include a proposal for amendments to the mileage-based user fee
12 related to annual reporting of miles traveled by battery electric vehicles during
13 years when they are not required to be inspected;

14 (7) outline an outreach and education program to inform inspection
15 mechanics, inspection stations, vehicle owners, and other interested parties of
16 the requirements of the new biennial inspection program; and

17 (8) identify any changes to the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the
18 Code of Vermont Rules that are necessary to implement the plan.

19 (b) While developing the plan pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the
20 Secretaries of Transportation and of Natural Resources shall solicit feedback

1 from stakeholders, including inspection station owners, inspection mechanics,
2 motor vehicle owners, motor vehicle dealers, and other interested parties.

3 (c) On or before October 15, 2026, the Secretaries of Transportation and of
4 Natural Resources shall submit a written report to the House Committees on
5 Environment and on Transportation and the Senate Committees on Natural
6 Resources and Energy and on Transportation regarding the plan developed
7 pursuant to this section and any recommendations for legislative action.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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20 Senator _____

21 FOR THE COMMITTEE