

ASSEMBLY, No. 910

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman ROCCO

1 AN ACT concerning inspection of new passenger automobiles and
2 amending R.S.39:8-2.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.39:8-2 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:8-2. The director may designate and appoint, subject to existing
9 laws, competent examiners of motor vehicles to examine motor
10 vehicles required to be inspected in accordance with the provisions of
11 this chapter. The examiners may be delegated to enforce the
12 provisions of the motor vehicle and traffic law.

13 The director may make rules and regulations with respect to the
14 character of the inspections to be made, with respect to [the frequency
15 of] inspections of new motor vehicles and with respect to the approval
16 or rejection of motor vehicles as a result of these inspections. Any
17 new passenger automobile, after receiving a decal or other indication
18 of successful initial inspection, shall next be inspected two years from
19 the date of its initial registration. Motorcycles shall be inspected
20 between April 1 and October 31. All other vehicles required by the
21 director to be inspected under this chapter shall be inspected at least
22 annually.

23 Rules and regulations relating to the frequency and character of
24 vehicle emission inspections shall be promulgated in cooperation with
25 the Department of Environmental Protection.

26 The director shall furnish to designated examiners official
27 certificates of approval, the form, content and use of which he shall
28 prescribe.

29 The director may, with the approval of the State House
30 Commission, purchase, lease or acquire by the exercise of the power
31 of eminent domain any property for the purpose of assisting him in
32 carrying out the provisions of this chapter. This property may also be

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 used by the director for the exercise of the duties and powers
2 conferred upon him by the other chapters of this Title.

3 The director shall conduct random roadside examinations of motor
4 vehicles required to be inspected in this State to provide a continuous
5 monitoring of motor vehicles. Each year at least 1% of the total
6 number of motor vehicles registered in the State shall be inspected by
7 roadside examination teams under the supervision of the director.

8 The director shall conduct inspections and audits of licensed private
9 inspection centers to insure accurate test equipment calibration and
10 use, and compliance with the provisions of this act. These inspections
11 and audits shall be conducted monthly, except that at the discretion of
12 the director, more frequent audits and inspections may be conducted.

13 The director shall make a charge of \$2.50 for the initial inspection
14 for each vehicle subject to inspection, which amount shall be paid to
15 the director of his representative when payment of registration fees
16 fixed in chapter 3 of this Title is made. The fee is not applicable to
17 inspection by licensed private inspection centers.

18 (cf: P.L.1989, c.167, s.1)

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20 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
21 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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26 Under this bill, once a newly purchased passenger automobile has
27 been inspected, another inspection would not be required again for
28 two years. Currently, the requirement is for an inspection of these
29 vehicles to take place one year following their purchase. The bill
30 would apply to vehicles purchased both here and out-of-state. The
31 purpose of the bill is to reduce the demand on the inspection system
32 and, thereby, shorten the lines of motorists awaiting their turn.

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Requires new car inspections after two years.