

No. 64

AN ACT

SB 617

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," providing for annual inspections of emission control systems and devices on motor vehicles.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 834, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended January 26, 1972 (P.L.19, No.8) and June 16, 1972 (No.154), is amended to read:

Section 834. Official Inspections.—

(a) Every owner of a motor vehicle (including a commercial motor vehicle, motor bus, motor omnibus, truck tractor, trailer, or semi-trailer, but not including a trailer or semi-trailer having a chassis and body weight of less than one thousand (1000) pounds, or bicycle with motor attached, or fertilizer trailer), being operated in this Commonwealth, shall submit such motor vehicle to such inspection of its mechanism and equipment as may be designated by the secretary, including such emission control systems and devices for which the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Environmental Resources, has adopted inspection procedure and requirements which shall, to the extent possible and practical, be consistent with the requirements of the "Clean Air Act" (77 Stat. 392, 42 U.S.C. 1857) and any amendments and supplements thereto. These requirements shall not apply within ninety (90) days after they are adopted, shall not be changed oftener than once a year and shall apply only to those motor vehicles as are required by Federal law or regulation to be equipped with such emission control systems and devices. The inspection of such devices and systems shall commence on the first day of the inspection periods (1) and (2) following the adoption of such standards by the secretary: Provided, however, That the secretary may provide that the inspection of such devices and systems may commence on the first day of the inspection period next following. *Such emission control systems and devices shall be inspected once a year.*

Such motor vehicle shall be inspected twice a year on a quarterly inspection cycle. Motor vehicles inspected in the first quarter shall be inspected again during the third quarter; motor vehicles inspected in the second quarter shall be inspected again during the fourth quarter.

The owner of a motor vehicle shall submit it for inspection during the quarterly cycle in accordance with regulations prescribed by the secretary.

Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, determined by the department to be exempt from registration under the provisions of section 401, subsection (f) of this act, and antique motor vehicles, if either operated on the public highways of this Commonwealth only during the period between sunrise and sunset, shall be exempt from the lighting equipment provisions of this act.

The secretary may, with the approval of the Governor, extend the time for not more than sixty (60) days for any of the inspections required by this section, in any case, where weather conditions of the highways or any other cause whatsoever renders compliance with the provisions of this section within the prescribed time difficult or impossible for a large number of persons.

Owners of Pennsylvania registered vehicles which have been outside of the Commonwealth continuously for thirty (30) days or more and which at the time of reentering the Commonwealth do not bear a currently valid inspection sticker shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of their reentering the State, proceed to an official inspection station for inspection and approval of the vehicle.

Motor vehicles designed and used as fire trucks shall be inspected once a year in accordance with regulations prescribed by the secretary.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 27th day of July, A. D. 1973.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 64.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.