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HOUSE BILL NO. 1449
Offered January 23, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1158 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vehicle safety inspections.

Patron—Oder

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-1158 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1158. Frequency of inspection; scope of inspection.

Motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers required to be inspected pursuant to the provisions of § 46.2-1157 shall be reinspected within twelve months of the month of the first inspection and at least once every twelve months thereafter.

Each inspection shall be a complete inspection. A reinspection of a rejected vehicle by the same station during the period of validity of the rejection sticker on such vehicle, however, need only include an inspection of the item or items previously found defective unless there is found an obvious defect that would warrant further rejection of the vehicle. Notwithstanding contrary provisions of this section, except for inspections performed as required by §§ 46.2-1539, 46.2-1940, 46.2-1992.32, 46.2-1992.34, or § 46.2-1993.33, no inspection shall be required for any vehicle that (i) was actually manufactured or designated by the manufacturer as a model manufactured for the current model year or the immediately preceding model year and (ii) has an odometer reading showing that the vehicle has been driven no more than 50,000 miles.

A rejection sticker shall be valid for fifteen calendar days beyond the day of issuance. A complete inspection shall be performed on any vehicle bearing an expired rejection sticker.