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SENATE BILL NO. 526

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1158 and 46.2-1167 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vehicle safety inspections; fees.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 46.2-1158 and 46.2-1167 of the Code of Virginia are 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~~ 24 months of the month of the first inspection and at least once every ~~twelve~~ 24 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.

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.

§ 46.2-1167. Charges for inspection and reinspection; exemption.

A. Each official safety inspection station may charge no more than:

1. Fifty-one dollars for each inspection of any (i) tractor truck, (ii) truck that has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or more, or (iii) motor vehicle that is used to transport passengers and has a seating capacity of more than 15 passengers, including the driver, \$0.50 of which shall be transmitted to the Department of State Police to support the Department's costs in administering the motor vehicle safety inspection program;

2. Twelve dollars for each inspection of any motorcycle, \$10 of which shall be retained by the inspection station and \$2 of which shall be transmitted to the Department of State Police who shall retain \$0.50 to support the Department's costs in administering the motor vehicle safety inspection program and deposit the remaining \$1.50 into the Motorcycle Rider Safety Training Program Fund created pursuant to § 46.2-1191; and

3. ~~Sixteen~~ Twenty dollars for each inspection of any other vehicle, \$0.50 of which shall be transmitted to the Department of State Police to support the Department's costs in administering the motor vehicle safety inspection program.

No such charge shall be mandatory, however, and no such charge shall be made unless the station has previously contracted therefor.

B. Each official safety inspection station may charge \$1 for each reinspection of a vehicle rejected by the station, as provided in § 46.2-1158, if the vehicle is submitted for reinspection within the validity period of the rejection sticker. If a rejected vehicle is not submitted to the same station within the validity period of the rejection sticker or is submitted to another official safety inspection station, an amount no greater than that permitted under subsection A may be charged for the inspection.

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