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

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 46.2-1167 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 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-four 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.

C. *Beginning January 1, 2016, the amount that may be charged for a safety inspection pursuant to this section shall be adjusted on January 1 every two years in an amount equal to the annual percentage increase or decrease for the previous two-year period in the United States Average Consumer Price Index. However, if the calculated amount of increase or decrease is not an even dollar amount, the amount of the adjusted fee shall be rounded down to the nearest even dollar. In cases where the maximum allowable charge has not been raised for four years or more, the increase in the Consumer Price Index shall be considered since the time of the last increase.*

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