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SENATE BILL NO. 522

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1157 of the Code of Virginia, relating to exception from motor vehicle safety inspection for new motor vehicles.

Patron—McPike

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 46.2-1157 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 46.2-1157. Inspection of motor vehicles required.**

A. The owner or operator of any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered in Virginia and operated or parked on a highway within the Commonwealth shall submit his vehicle to an inspection of its mechanism and equipment by an official inspection station, designated for that purpose, in accordance with § 46.2-1158. *However, an owner or operator who purchases a new motor vehicle as defined in § 46.2-1500 shall not be required to submit his vehicle to an inspection for the first two years of ownership or operation after its purchase.* No owner or operator shall fail to submit a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer operated or parked on the highways in the Commonwealth to such inspection or fail or refuse to correct or have corrected in accordance with the requirements of this title any mechanical defects found by such inspection to exist.

B. The provisions of this section requiring safety inspections of motor vehicles shall also apply to vehicles used for firefighting; inspections of firefighting vehicles shall be conducted pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Superintendent of State Police, taking into consideration the special purpose of such vehicles and the conditions under which they operate.

C. Each day during which such motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is operated or parked on any highway in the Commonwealth after failure to comply with this law shall constitute a separate offense.

D. Except as otherwise provided, autocycles shall be inspected as motorcycles under this article.

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