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S 1317. I/M TECHNOLOGY AND FEE AMENDS (=H 1638). *TO IMPROVE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF ON-BOARD DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND TO INCREASE THE FEES THAT ARE CHARGED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.* Makes following changes with respect to vehicle emissions inspections:

(1) GS 143-215.107A(b) requires a certain kind of emissions inspection test (the two-mode Acceleration Simulation Mode test), but that provision is to be repealed under Sec. 3.9 of SL 1999-328 under certain conditions. This bill repeals the statute outright and repeals Sec. 3.9.

(2) GS 20-128(c) requires that vehicles manufactured after 1967 must be outfitted with emissions control devices. Effective July 1, 2002, this bill amends the statute to make clear that the vehicle may not be operated with the devices disconnected except in certain circumstances.

(3) GS 20-183.2(b) specifies the vehicles that are subject to the emissions inspection requirement and GS 20-183.3 specifies how the inspections are to be conducted. This bill, effective July 1, 2000, adds an exemption from inspection for vehicles licensed at the former rate under GS 20-88(b). The bill further amends the sections, effective July 1, 2003 to provide, in effect, (a) that vehicles manufactured between 1975 and 1996 must be inspected for emissions only in the counties of Cabarrus, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Orange, Union, and Wake and only by an analysis of exhaust; and (b) vehicles manufactured after 1996 must be inspected by an analysis of data provided by the on-board diagnostic equipment installed by the manufacturer. The bill further amends the sections effective July 1, 2006 to eliminate emissions inspections altogether for vehicles manufactured before 1996.

(4) GS 20-183.7 sets vehicle inspection fees. This bill raises the fees effective July 1, 2000 and again effective July 1, 2002.

Intro. by Miller.

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