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H 679. SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION CHANGES. Filed 3/14/07. *TO CHANGE ARTICLE 3A OF CHAPTER 20, SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAMS, TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC INSPECTION PROCESSES AND AUTHORIZATION.*

To be summarized in tomorrow's *Daily Bulletin*.

Intro. by Cole.

GS 20

March 15, 2007

H 679. SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION CHANGES. Filed 3/14/07. *TO CHANGE ARTICLE 3A OF CHAPTER 20, SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAMS, TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC INSPECTION PROCESSES AND AUTHORIZATION.*

Enacts new GS 20-183.4(b)(4) requiring that applicants for license as a motor vehicle safety inspection station have equipment to transfer information on safety inspections to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by electronic means. Amends GS 20-183.4C(a) by adding a requirement that new vehicles acquired from a person outside the state must be inspected within 10 days of registration of the vehicle with DMV, requiring that a vehicle that is subject to inspection must be inspected and receive a passing result before issuance of an initial or renewal registration. Amends other statutory sections in GS Chapter 20 to reflect the change from use of inspection stickers to the use of electronic inspection authorizations. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2007.

Intro. by Cole.

GS 20

June 21, 2007

H 679. SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION CHANGES. Filed 3/14/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 20-66 to prohibit the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) from renewing the registration of a vehicle that does not have a current safety or emissions inspection. Also requires registration plates that are not renewed to be surrendered to DMV within 120 days of expiration. Amends GS 20-183.2(c) to add a definition of *electronic inspection authorization*. Amends GS 20-183.4 to provide that the equipment to transfer safety inspection information to DMV that is required of safety inspection stations is provided at no cost to the station by the vendor selected by DMV. Also specifies that safety inspection mechanic license applicants must complete a course that teaches how to conduct a safety inspection using equipment to electronically transmit the vehicle information and inspection results (was, how to conduct to safety inspection). Amends GS 20-183.4A to provide that the equipment to transfer safety inspection information to DMV that is required of applicants for a license as an emissions inspection station is provided at no cost to the station by the vendor selected by DMV. Amends GS 20-183.4C as follows: (1) requires that a receipt be provided to a new vehicle's new owner certifying inspection compliance, (2) requires a used vehicle to be inspected before it is offered for sale in the state by a dealer (was, by a dealer at a location other than a public auction), and requires that the new owner be provided with a receipt certifying inspection compliance, (3) removes the requirement that a vehicle be inspected within 60 days of transferring the registration from a county that is not an emissions county to an emissions county, (4) allows a vehicle that must be inspected to be inspected 90 days before midnight of the last day of the month designated on the registration sticker (was, a vehicle that is required to be inspected must pass an inspection before an initial or renewal registration is issued), (5) requires a new or used vehicle from a retailer in the state that has a new or transferred registration registered with DMV to be inspected when the current registration expires, (6) requires a used vehicle from a private sale in the state to be inspected within 30 days after the vehicle is registered with DMV or when the current registration expires if the vehicle has not passed inspection within the previous 12 months, and (7) requires an unregistered vehicle to be inspected within 30 days after the vehicle is registered with DMV or no later than 30 days after the expiration of a transferred registration. Amends GS 20-183.4D to provide that an electronic inspection authorization expires at midnight of the last day of the month on the vehicle registration sticker of the next year. Amends GS 20-183.5 to exclude from waiver of the inspection requirement vehicles owned or being held for sale by a motor vehicle dealer. Also provides that a

waiver may be issued by DMV if a vehicle meets waiver criteria designated by DMV in addition to the other listed requirements. Excludes the following repairs and their costs from the determination of whether the cost of vehicle repairs equals or exceeds the waiver amount: (1) repairs made by an individual who is not professionally engaged in the vehicle repair business (previous version of the bill removed repairs made by an individual who is not engaged in the business of repairing vehicles, if the vehicle is a 1981 or newer model), and (2) on-board diagnostics without corresponding repairs. Amends GS 20-183.5A to remove the waiver amount for vehicles that are a pre-1981 model and provides that the amount is \$200 for vehicles that are a 1996 (was, 1981) or newer model. Also excludes from repairs and costs considered in determining whether the cost of repairs to a vehicle equals or exceed the waiver amount repairs that are made by an individual who is not professionally engaged in the vehicle repair business (was, if the vehicle is a 1981 or newer model). Removes the repeal of GS 20-183.6A(a)(5) and instead amends the statute to require DMV to establish written procedures for the issuance of electronic inspection authorizations (was, inspection stickers) to persons licensed to perform electronic inspection authorizations (was, inspections). Amends GS 20-183.7 to increase the safety inspection fee from \$8.25 to \$12.75. Changes the effective date from December 1, 2007, to January 1, 2009. Makes technical and conforming changes.

July 19, 2007

H 679. SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION CHANGES. Filed 3/14/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Modifies proposed GS 20-183.4(b)(4) (safety inspections) to (1) provide that the station must have software as well as equipment and (2) provide that during the initial implementation of the electronic inspection process, the vendor must provide the equipment and software at no cost to a station that holds a license on October 1, 2008. Modifies proposed amendments to GS 20-183.4A(b)(3) (emissions inspections) to (1) provide that the station must have software as well as equipment and (2) provide that during the initial implementation of the electronic inspection process, the vendor must provide the software (but not equipment) at no cost to a station that holds a license on October 1, 2008. Modifies proposed amendments to GS 20-183.4C(a) by providing that an out-of-state emissions inspection is allowed for a vehicle located outside NC when its inspection becomes due as long as the inspection meets specified federal standards.

Authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to utilize its current emissions vendor to implement the act and requires DMV to report by May 1, 2008, on its progress in implementing the act to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. Makes technical corrections by updating the version of GS 20-183.4A being amended. Makes technical and conforming changes to GS 20-183.7 and GS 20-183.7B. Changes the effective date from January 1, 2009, to October 1, 2008.

August 1, 2007

H 679. SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION CHANGES. Filed 3/14/07. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Modifies GS 20-183.7 to remove the proposed increase in the safety inspection fee to \$12.75, returning the fee to the current \$8.25.

August 2, 2007

H 679. SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION CHANGES. Filed 3/14/07. Conference report recommends the following changes to 3rd edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Deletes the amendment to GS 20-183.7 that would have removed the increase in the safety inspection fee, so that the bill now increases the fee from \$8.25 to \$12.75.

September 4, 2007

SL 2007-503 (H 679). SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION CHANGES. AN ACT TO CHANGE ARTICLE 3A OF CHAPTER 20, SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAMS, TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC INSPECTION PROCESSES AND

AUTHORIZATION. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/15/07, 6/21/07, 7/19/07, 8/1/07, and 8/2/07.
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