

## §1751. Motor vehicle inspection

**1. Inspection required.** Except as provided in this chapter or section 2307, subsection 1, a motor vehicle required to be registered in this State must have an annual inspection. A person may have a motor vehicle inspected more frequently.

[PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

**2. Equipment subject to inspection.** The following equipment is subject to inspection:

A. Body components; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

B. Brakes; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

C. Exhaust system; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

D. Glazing; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

E. Horn; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

F. Lights and directional signals; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

G. Rearview mirrors; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

H. Reflectors; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

I. Running gear; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

J. Safety seat belts on 1966 and subsequent models; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

K. Steering mechanism; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

L. Tires; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

M. Windshield wipers; [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

N. Catalytic converter on 1983 and subsequent models; and [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

O. Filler neck restriction on 1983 and subsequent models. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

[PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

**2-A. Enhanced inspection.** Beginning January 1, 1999, a motor vehicle that is required to be registered in Cumberland County and that is subject to inspection pursuant to subsection 1 must have an annual enhanced inspection. The following equipment is subject to inspection:

A. Equipment subject to inspection pursuant to subsection 2; [PL 1997, c. 786, §1 (NEW).]

B. The fuel tank cap on 1974 and subsequent models of gasoline-powered vehicles; and [PL 1997, c. 786, §1 (NEW).]

C. The on-board diagnostic system on 1996 and subsequent models. [PL 1997, c. 786, §1 (NEW).]

A motor vehicle that is not required to be registered in Cumberland County may have an enhanced inspection under this subsection.

[PL 1997, c. 786, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Inspection fee.**

[PL 2001, c. 234, §1 (RP).]

**3-A. Inspection fees.** An inspection station may charge the following fees:

- A. For inspections performed under subsection 2, the fee may not be more than \$12.50; [PL 2001, c. 234, §2 (NEW).]
- B. For inspections of pre-1996 model vehicles performed under subsection 2-A, the fee may not be more than \$15.50; and [PL 2001, c. 234, §2 (NEW).]
- C. For inspections of 1996 and subsequent model vehicles performed under subsection 2-A, the fee may not be more than \$18.50. [PL 2001, c. 234, §2 (NEW).]

The inspection fee is payable whether the vehicle passes inspection or not.  
[PL 2001, c. 234, §2 (NEW).]

**4. Implementation.** The enhanced inspection required by subsection 2-A must be implemented as follows.

- A. The fuel tank cap is subject to inspection beginning January 1, 1999. [PL 1997, c. 786, §3 (NEW).]
- B. The on-board diagnostic system is subject to inspection beginning January 1, 2000. A motor vehicle may not fail inspection for failure to meet the inspection standard for the on-board diagnostic system until January 1, 2001. [PL 1997, c. 786, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 1997, c. 786, §3 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1993, c. 683, §A2 (NEW). PL 1993, c. 683, §B5 (AFF). PL 1997, c. 786, §§1-3 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 234, §§1,2 (AMD).

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