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SENATE, No. 3472

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1983

By Senators KENNEDY and GRAVES

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

An Acr permitting the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to designate licensed reinspection centers as official inspection stations for a fixed period of time, amending R. S. 39:8-2 and P. L. 1975, c. 156 and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
- 2 of New Jersey:
- 1 1. R. S. 39:8-2 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 39:8-2. The director may designate and appoint, subject to exist-
- 3 ing laws, competent examiners of motor vehicles to examine motor
- 4 vehicles required to be inspected in accordance with the provisions
- 5 of this chapter. Such examiners may be delegated to enforce the
- 6 provisions of the motor vehicle and traffic law.
- 7 The director may make rules and regulations with respect to the
- 8 character [and frequency] of the inspections to be made, with
- 9 respect to the frequency of inspections of motor vehicles and with
- 10 respect to the approval or rejection of motor vehicles as a result
- 11 of such inspections. All other vehicles required by the director to
- 12 be inspected under this chapter shall be inspected at least annually.
- 13 Rules and regulations relating to the frequency and character of
- 14 vehicle emissions inspections shall be promulgated in cooperation
- 15 with the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 16 The director shall furnish to designated examiners official certifi-
- 17 cates of approval, the form, content and use of which he shall
- 18 prescribe.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets Ithus in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

19 The director may, with the approval of the State House Com-

20 mission, purchase, lease or acquire by the exercise of the power of

21 eminent domain any property for the purpose of assisting him in

22 carrying out the provisions of this chapter. Such property may

23 also be used by the director for the exercise of the duties and

24 powers conferred upon him by the other chapters of this Title.

25 The director shall conduct random roadside examinations of

26 motor vehicles required to be inspected in this State to provide a

27 continuous monitoring of motor vehicles. Each year at least 1%

28 of the total number of motor vehicles registered in the State shall

29 be inspected by roadside examination teams under the supervision

30 of the director.

31 The director shall conduct inspections and audits of licensed

32 reinspection centers to insure accurate test equipment calibration

33 and use, and compliance with the provisions of this act. These

34 inspections and audits shall be conducted monthly, except that at

35 the discretion of the director, more frequent audits and inspections

36 may be conducted.

37 The director shall make a charge of \$2.50 for the initial inspec-

38 tion for each vehicle subject to inspection, which amount shall be

39 paid to the director or his representative when payment of the

40 registration fees fixed in chapter 3 of this Title is made. Said fee

41 is not applicable to reinspection by licensed reinspection centers of

42 vehicles rejected upon initial inspection at a motor vehicle inspec-

43 tion station.

2. Section 6 of P. L. 1075, c. 156 (39:8-14) is amended to read

2 as follows:

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3 6. The director may license any person who is the owner or

lessee of [50] 10 or more motor vehicles to initially inspect, rein-

spect and certify those vehicles [if initially inspected at a motor

6 vehicle inspection station if such person has available to him the

7 equipment, facilities and qualified employees, or other qualified

person under his control by contract, necessary to make the required

9 initial inspection, adjustments, corrections or repairs. When the

10 licensee, or his employee or other qualified person under his control,

11 conducts an initial inspection, he shall certify that he or his em-

12 ployee or other qualified person under his control by contract, has

13 inspected the motor vehicle as prescribed by the director and has

14 found that the motor vehicle conforms to the standards established

15 by law or regulation. [Such] When a motor vehicle is reinspected,

16 the licensee shall certify that the items for which a vehicle was

17 initially rejected have been adjusted, corrected or repaired by him

or under his direction and that the condition of said items conforms

- 19 to the standards established by law or regulation. Such certifi-
- 20 cation shall be evidenced by [a] an initial or reinspection approval
- 21 sticker placed on the vehicle as prescribed by the director.
- 1 3. (New section) a. The Director of the Division of Motor
- 2 Vehicles in addition to any existing authority, shall, for a period
- 3 not to exceed 12 months, be authorized to designate reinspection
- 4 centers as official inspection stations for the purpose of conducting
- 5 initial motor vehicle inspections pursuant to the provisions of R. S.
- 6 39:8-1. This subsection shall only become operative upon certifi-
- 7 cation by the federal Environmental Protection Agency that this
- 8 act complies with the effective State Implementation Plan required
- 9 by the "Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970," Pub. L. 91-604
- 10 (42 U.S. C. 7410).
- 11 b. For the purposes of this act, only those reinspection centers
- 12 licensed pursuant to section 3 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C. 39:8-11 et
- 13 seq.) and properly equipped to comply with the standards estab-
- 14 lished by law or regulation may be designated as official inspection
- 15 stations.
 - 1 4.(New section) a. Official inspection stations designated pur-
 - 2 suant to section 3 of this act shall inspect and certify or reject a
 - 3 motor vehicle presented for an initial inspection. Certification
 - 4 shall indicate that the vehicle has been inspected as prescribed by
 - 5 the director and that the motor vehicle conforms to the standards
 - 6 established by law or regulation.
- 7 b. Official inspection stations shall be entitled to charge a fee
- 8 for each initial inspection performed. The amount to be charged
- 9 shall be determined by the director. A schedule of charges for
- 10 initial inspections shall be posted in a prominent place on the prem-
- 11 ises and a copy shall be filed with the director. Charges for initial
- 12 inspections, reinspections and repairs shall be separately stated.
- 13 c. No official inspection station shall require, as a condition of
- 14 performing the inspection that any needed repairs or adjustments
- 15 be done by the person, or at the facility of the person, performing
- 16 the inspection.
- d. No service or adjustment shall be performed on the vehicle
- 18 at the official inspection station where the vehicle was initially
- 19 inspected unless the customer signs a written acknowledgment and
- 20 waiver that he understands his rights to have service and adjust-
- 21 ment done elsewhere and expressly waives his rights.
- 22 e. The director shall provide each official inspection station as
- 23 many numbered initial inspection approval stickers as may be re-
- 24 quired, and may charge a fee of \$1.00 for each sticker. There shall
- 25 be no refund or credit for expired or unused initial inspection

- 26 stickers. Every official inspection station shall keep records of all
- 27 initial inspections performed and approved stickers issued as the
- 28 director may prescribe. All records shall be made available to the
- 29 director upon demand. Every official inspection station shall in-
- 30 stitute safeguards to secure stickers from theft, loss or fraudulent
- 31 use as the director may prescribe. Every official inspection station
- 32 shall return any unused or expired stickers to the director and
- 33 shall upon request account to the director for all stickers.
- 1 4. (New section) Any person who affixes an initial inspection
- 2 approval sticker to a motor vehicle without having inspected the
- 3 motor vehicle, or without having determined that the condition
- 4 of any item conforms to standards established by law or regula-
- 5 tion, shall be guilty of violating the provisions of this act, and
- 6 shall be fined not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$1,500.00 and
- 7 shall have his license, issued pursuant to P. L. 1975, c. 156
- 8 (C. 39:8-11 et seq.), suspended for a period of at least one year
- 9 but not more than three years for a first offense or not less than
- 10 \$2,000.00 nor more than \$3,500.00 and shall have the license per-
- 11 manently revoked for a subsequent offense. This section shall be
- 12 enforced pursuant to R. S. 39:8-9.
- 13 Any person who charges a fee for repair work not performed
- 14 or performed unnecessarily and affixes an initial inspection ap-
- 15 proval sticker shall be punished under the terms of P. L. 1960,
- 16 c. 39 (C. 56:8-1 et seq.), and any regulation adopted thereunder.
- 6. (New section) a. In addition to any existing authority of the
- 2 director to deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of a license
- 3 issued pursuant to section 11 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C. 39:8-19),
- 4 the director may also suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of the
- 5 license if an official inspection station makes initial inspection
- 6 charges in excess of those posted on the premises and filed with
- 7 the director.
- 8 b. The suspension or revocation of a license issued pursuant to
- 9 section 11 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C. 39:8-19) shall not of itself be
- 10 cause for the denial, suspension or revocation of any other busi-
- 11 ness license held by the official inspection station licensee issued
- 12 by the State or any of its political subdivisions.
- 7. (New section) Any person who discontinues operation of an
- 2 official inspection station or whose license has been suspended or
- 3 revoked or whose renewal thereof has been denied, shall forthwith
- 4 deliver to the director the license, all unused initial inspection ap-
- 5 proval stickers, all inspection records and other items issued to the
- 6 licensee or required by the director to be kept in connection with
- 7 the operation of the official inspection station. Any person who

- fails to deliver any item to the director is a disorderly person. 8
- 8. (New section) Any person who shall display or cause or permit 1
- 2 to be displayed any sign, mark, or advertisement as an official in-
- spection station when such a designation has not been made by the 3
- director or is not then in effect, or who shall transfer or attempt 4
- to transfer a designation as an official inspection station is a dis-5
- 6 orderly person.
- 9. (New section) The director may, subject to existing law, em-1
- $\mathbf{2}$ ploy such persons and make such expenditures as are necessary to
- supervise the operation of designated official inspection stations to
- insure compliance with the provisions of this act and the regula-4
- tions adopted pursuant thereto. õ
- 1 10. (New section) a. Within 90 days of the effective date of this
- act, the director, in cooperation with the Department of Environ-2
- mental Protection, shall adopt regulations establishing standards 3
- Ŧ for all licensed reinspection centers designated as official inspection
- 5 stations pursuant to this act.
- b. Except as provided in subsection c. of this section, all licensed 6
- 7 reinspection centers shall use emission test equipment which has
- 8 been certified by the Department of Environmental Protection. The
- department shall adopt standards within 90 days of the effective
- date of this act, for the certification of the equipment, which shall 10
- 11 include but not be limited to all of the following:
- 12 (1) An automated system to control test sequencing, the auto-
- matic pass or fail decision, and the format for the test report and 13
- recorded magnetic tape file; 14
- 15 (2) An exhaust gas analysis portion;
- 16 (3) A device to accept and record vehicle identification informa-
- 17 tion; and
- 18 (4) A device to provide a printed record of the test results to
- 19 the consumer.
- 20 c. Facilities which have been licensed by the director as "re-
- 21inspection centers" prior to May 1, 1983, may apply to the director
- 22for certification as official inspection stations which do not require
- 23 immediate compliance with the standards established under sub-
- 24 section b. of this section concerning the certification of equipment
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- provided that the Department of Environment Protection certifies
- 26 that the licensure complies with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S. C. 7401
- 27 et seq.). In the event that this act is extended to May 1, 1985 or
- 28 thereafter the facilities shall comply with the standards established
- under subsection b. of this section by May 1, 1985, in order to main-29
- tain certification under this act.

- 1 11. (New section) a. Within 90 days of the effective date of this
- 2 act, the director, in cooperation with the Department of Environ-
- 3 mental Protection, shall adopt regulations establishing standards
- 4 for the training and certification of mechanics employed by licensed
- 5 reinspection centers.
- 6 b. Except as provided in subsection c. of this section, no licensee
- 7 nor his employee may perform inspections and make repairs for
- 8 compensation pursuant to this act unless qualified by the comple-
- 9 tion of training courses prescribed by the division in cooperation
- 10 with the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 11 c. Licensees and employees of facilities licensed by the director
- 12 as "reinspection centers" prior to May 1, 1983, may perform in-
- 13 spections or make repairs for compensation pursuant to this act
- 14 without immediately complying with the requirements of subsection
- 15 b. of this section concerning training and certification of mechanics.
- 16 In the event that this act is extended beyond May 1, 1985 or there-
- 17 after all licensees and employees of licensees shall comply with the
- 18 standards concerning certification and training of mechanics by
- 19 May 1, 1985, in order to perform inspections or make repairs for
- 20 compensation pursuant to this act after that date.
- 21 d. The director in cooperation with the Department of Environ-
- 22 mental Protection shall take all necessary steps to promote expedi-
- 23 tious compliance with the training and certification of mechanics
- 24 as provided in this section.
- 1 12. (New section) The Director of the Division of Motor Vehi-
- 2 cles shall report to the Legislature nine months after the effective
- 3 date of this act as to the implementation of the provisions of this
- 4 act. In the event that this act is not extended beyond the original
- 5 expiration date, the director shall report to the Legislature and the
- 6 Governor regarding what will be needed to reconstitute the public
- 7 inspection system.
- 1 13. This act shall take effect immediaely but shall expire on the
- 2 first day of the 12th month following enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill results from the Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee's study of the current problems of the motor vehicle inspection system. Under a federal court order the State is required to return to the annual system of automotive emission testing that was in existence in August of 1982 prior to the adoption by the Division of Motor Vehicles of a biennial system of inspection. Due to the limited number of inspection personnel

available at State operated inspection stations to conduct the large number of inspections that will result, this bill provides for the temporary utilization of certain licensed reinspection centers to conduct initial inspections in addition to reinspections.

This bill permits the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to designate properly equipped licensed reinspection centers as official inspection stations. The procedural requirements and safeguards present at public inspection stations are to be followed at the reinspection centers. A fee to conduct initial inspections is to be charged by the centers at a rate to be determined by the director. It is anticipated that the adoption of this solution for not more than 12 months will enable the State to comply with the court's order while improving operations at State inspection stations.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3472

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 1983

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 3472 is to provide a solution to the current problems of the motor vehicle inspection system. Under a federal court order the State is required to return to the annual system of automotive emission testing that was in existence in August of 1982 prior to the adoption by the Division of Motor Vehicles of a biennial system of inspection. Due to the limited number of inspection personnel available at State operated inspection stations to conduct the large number of inspections that will result, this bill provides for the temporary utilization of certain licensed reinspection centers to conduct initial inspections in addition to reinspections.

This legislation permits the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to designate properly equipped licensed reinspecion centers as official inspection stations. The procedural requirements and safeguards present at public inspection stations are to be followed at the reinspection centers. A fee to conduct intial inspections is to be charged by the centers at a rate to be determined by the director. It is anticipated that the adoption of this solution for not more than six months will enable the State to comply with the court's order while improving operations at State inspection stations.

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[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT] SENATE, No. 3472

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 1983

By Senators KENNEDY and GRAVES

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

An Acr permitting the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to designate licensed reinspection centers as official inspection stations for a fixed period of time, amending *R. S. 39:8-1* R. S. 39:8-2 and P. L. 1975, c. 156 and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

- 1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
- 2 of New Jersey:
- 1 *1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares its intent to
- 2 provide a program for inspecting motor vehicles that will meet all
- 3 the goals of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U. S. C. 7401 et seq.).
- 4 Towards this end, it is intended that the appropriation included in
- 5 P. L., c. ... (now pending before the Legislature as
- 6 either Assembly Bill No. 3604 of 1983 or Senate Bill No. 3473 of
- 7 1983) shall provide sufficient resources for the Division of Motor
- 8 Vehicles to implement for one year a motor vehicle inspection
- 9 system utilizing reinspection centers, licensed pursuant to section
- 10 3 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C. 39:8-11), to conduct initial inspections
- 11 while remaining prepared to return to a completely State-operated
- 12 system after the one year period, unless the Legislature determines
- 13 to continue to authorize the motor vehicle inspection system
- 14 established in this act*.
- 1 *2. R. S. 39:8-1 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 39:8-1. The director shall require every motor vehicle registered
- 3 in this State which is used over the highways of this State, except
- 4 vehicles and traction equipment registered pursuant to [section]

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Senate amendments adopted June 23, 1983.

- 5 R. S. 39:3-24 Tof this Title, motor vehicles used for the transporta-
- 6 tion of passengers for hire which are subject to the jurisdiction of
- 7 the board of public utility commissioners and historic motor
- 8 vehicles registered as such, to have such motor vehicles inspected
- 9 by designated inspectors or at official inspection stations to be
- 10 designated by the director. The director shall have the discretion
- 11 to determine what motor vehicle equipment shall be subject to in-
- 12 spection under the provisions of this chapter.*
- 1 *[1.] * *3.* R. S. 39:8-2 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 39:8-2. The director may designate and appoint, subject to exist-
- 3 ing laws, competent examiners of motor vehicles to examine motor
- 4 vehicles required to be inspected in accordance with the provisions
- 5 of this chapter. Such examiners may be delegated to enforce the
- 6 provisions of the motor vehicle and traffic law.
- 7 The director may make rules and regulations with respect to the
- 8 character [and frequency] of the inspections to be made, with
- 9 respect to the frequency of inspections *new* of motor vehicles and
- 10 with respect to the approval or rejection of motor vehicles as a
- 11 result of such inspections. All other vehicles required by the
- 12 director to be inspected under this chapter shall be inspected at
- 12A least annually.
- 13 Rules and regulations relating to the frequency and character of
- 14 vehicle emissions inspections shall be promulgated in cooperation
- 15 with the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 16 The director shall furnish to designated examiners official certifi-
- 17 cates of approval, the form, content and use of which he shall
- 18 prescribe.
- 19 The director may, with the approval of the State House Com-
- 20 mission, purchase, lease or acquire by the exercise of the power of
- 21 eminent domain any property for the purpose of assisting him in
- 22 carrying out the provisions of this chapter. Such property may
- 23 also be used by the director for the exercise of the duties and
- 24 powers conferred upon him by the other chapters of this Title.
- 25 The director shall conduct random roadside examinations of
- 26 motor vehicles required to be inspected in this State to provide a
- 27 continuous monitoring of motor vehicles. Each year at least 1%
- 28 of the total number of motor vehicles registered in the State shall
- 29 be inspected by roadside examination teams under the supervision
- 30 of the director.
- 31 The director shall-conduct inspections and audits of licensed
- 32 reinspection centers to insure accurate test equipment calibration
- 33 and use, and compliance with the provisions of this act. These
- 34 inspections and audits shall be conducted monthly, except that at

the discretion of the director, more frequent audits and inspectionsmay be conducted.

The director shall make a charge of \$2.50 for the initial inspection for each vehicle subject to inspection, which amount shall be paid to the director or his representative when payment of the registration fees fixed in chapter 3 of this Title is made. Said fee is not applicable to reinspection by licensed reinspection centers of vehicles rejected upon initial inspection at a motor vehicle inspection station.

1 *[2.]* *4.*Section 6 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (39:8-14) is amended to 2 read as follows:

6. The director may license any person who is the owner or 3 lessee of [50] 10 or more motor vehicles to initially inspect, rein-4 spect and certify those vehicles [if initially inspected at a motor 5 vehicle inspection station] if such person has available to him the 6 7 equipment, facilities and qualified employees, or other qualified person under his control by contract, necessary to make the required 9 initial inspection, adjustments, corrections or repairs. When the 10 licensee, or his employee or other qualified person under his control. conducts an initial inspection, he shall certify that he or his em-11 ployee or other qualified person under his control by contract, has 12inspected the motor vehicle as prescribed by the director and has 13 found that the motor vehicle conforms to the standards established by law or regulation. [Such] When a motor vehicle is reinspected, 15 the licensee shall certify that the items for which a vehicle was 16 17 initially rejected have been adjusted, corrected or repaired by him or under his direction and that the condition of said items conforms 18 to the standards established by law or regulation. Such certifi-19 cation shall be evidenced by [a] an initial or reinspection approval 20 sticker placed on the vehicle as prescribed by the director. 21

[3.] *5.* (New section) a. The Director of the Division of Motor 1 Vehicles in addition to any existing authority, shall, for a period 2 not to exceed 12 months, be authorized to designate reinspection 3 centers as official inspection stations for the purpose of conducting initial motor vehicle inspections pursuant to the provisions of R. S. 5 39:8-1. *This subsection shall only become operative upon certifi-6 7 cation by the federal Environmental Protection Agency that this act complies with the effective State Implementation Plan required 8 by the "Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970," Pub. L. 91-604 9 10 42 U. S. C. 7410).]*

b. For the purposes of this act, only those reinspection centers licensed pursuant to section 3 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C. 39:8-11 et seq.) and properly equipped to comply with the standards estab-

14 lished by law or regulation may be designated as official inspection15 stations.

[4.] *6.* (New section) a. Official inspection stations designated pursuant to section *[3]* *5* of this act shall inspect and certify or reject a motor vehicle presented for an initial inspection. Certification shall indicate that the vehicle has been inspected as prescribed by the director and that the motor vehicle conforms to the standards established by law or regulation.

b. Official inspection stations *designated pursuant to section 5 of this act* shall be entitled to charge a fee for each initial inspection performed. The amount to be charged shall be determined by the director. A schedule of charges for initial inspections shall be posted in a prominent place on the premises and a copy shall be filed with the director. Charges for initial inspections, reinspections and repairs shall be separately stated.

c. No official inspection station shall require, as a condition of performing the inspection that any needed repairs or adjustments be done by the person, or at the facility of the person, performing the inspection.

d. No service or adjustment shall be performed on the vehicle at the official inspection station where the vehicle was initially inspected unless the customer signs a written acknowledgment and waiver that he understands his rights to have service and adjustment done elsewhere and expressly waives his rights.

22 e. The director shall provide each official inspection station as 23 many numbered initial inspection approval stickers as may be required, and may charge a fee of \$1.00 for each sticker. There shall be no refund or credit for expired or unused initial inspection 25 26 stickers. Every official inspection station shall keep records of all 27 initial inspections performed and approved stickers issued as the 28 director may prescribe. All records shall be made available to the 29 director upon demand. Every official inspection station shall in-30 stitute safeguards to secure stickers from theft, loss or fraudulent 31 use as the director may prescribe. Every official inspection station 32shall return any unused or expired stickers to the director and 33 shall upon request account to the director for all stickers.

[4.] *7.* (New section) Any person who affixes an initial inspection approval sticker to a motor vehicle without having inspected the motor vehicle, or without having determined that the condition of any item conforms to standards established by law or regulation, shall be guilty of violating the provisions of this act, and shall be fined not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$1,500.00 and shall have his license, issued pursuant to P. L. 1975, c. 156 8 (C. 39:8-11 et seq.), suspended for a period of at least one year

9 but not more than three years for a first offense or not less than

10 \$2,000.00 nor more than \$3,500.00 and shall have the license per-

11 manently revoked for a subsequent offense. This section shall be

12 enforced pursuant to R. S. 39:8-9.

13 Any person who charges a fee for repair work not performed

14 or performed unnecessarily and affixes an initial inspection ap-

15 proval sticker shall be punished under the terms of P. L. 1960,

16 c. 39 (C. 56:8-1 et seq.), and any regulation adopted thereunder.

1 *[6.] **8.* (New section) a. In addition to any existing authority

2 of the director to deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of a

3 license issued pursuant to section 11 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C.

4 39:8-19), the director may also suspend, revoke or refuse renewal

5 of the license if an official inspection station makes initial inspection

6 charges in excess of those posted on the premises and filed with

7 the director.

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8 b. The suspension or revocation of a license issued pursuant to

section 11 of P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C. 39:8-19) shall not of itself be

10 cause for the denial, suspension or revocation of any other busi-

11 ness license held by the official inspection station licensee issued

12 by the State or any of its political subdivisions.

1 *[7.]* *9.* (New section) Any person who discontinues operation

2 of an official inspection station or whose license has been suspended

or revoked or whose renewal thereof has been denied, shall forth-

4 with deliver to the director the license, all unused initial inspection

5 approval stickers, all inspection records and other items issued to

6 the licensee or required by the director to be kept in connection with

7 the operation of the official inspection station. Any person who

8 fails to deliver any item to the director is a disorderly person.

1 *[8.]* *10.* (New section) Any person who shall display or cause

2 or permit to be displayed any sign, mark, or advertisement as an

3 official inspection station when such a designation has not been made

4 by the director or is not then in effect, or who shall transfer or

5 attempt to transfer a designation as an official inspection station is

6 a disorderly person.

1 *[9.]* *11.* (New section) The director may, subject to existing

2 law, employ such persons and make such expenditures as are

3 necessary to supervise the operation of designated official inspection

4 stations to insure compliance with the provisions of this act and the

5 regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

1 *[10.]* *12.* (New section) a. Within 90 days of the effective

2 date of this act, the director, in cooperation with the Department of

3 Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations establishing

- 4 standards for all licensed reinspection centers designated as official
- 5 inspection stations pursuant to this act.
- 6 b. Except as provided in subsection c. of this section, all licensed
- 7 reinspection centers shall use emission test equipment which has
- 8 been certified by the Department of Environmental Protection. The
- 9 department shall adopt standards within 90 days of the effective
- 10 date of this act, for the certification of the equipment, which shall
- 11 include but not be limited to all of the following:
- 12 (1) An automated system to control test sequencing, the auto-
- 13 matic pass or fail decision, and the format for the test report and
- 14 recorded magnetic tape file;
- 15 (2) An exhaust gas analysis portion;
- 16 (3) A device to accept and record vehicle identification informa-
- 17 tion; and
- 18 (4) A device to provide a printed record of the test results to
- 19 the consumer.
- 20 c. Facilities which have been licensed by the director as "re-
- 21 inspection centers" prior to May 1, 1983, may apply to the director
- 22 for certification as official inspection stations which do not require
- 23 immediate compliance with the standards established under sub-
- 24 section b. of this section concerning the certification of equipment
- 25 provided that the Department of Environment Protection certifies
- 26 that the licensure complies with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S. C. 7401
- 27 et seq.). In the event that this act is extended to May 1, 1985 or
- 28 thereafter the facilities shall comply with the standards established
- 29 under subsection b. of this section by May 1, 1985, in order to main-
- 30 tain certification under this act.
- 1 *[11.]* *13.* (New section) a. Within 90 days of the effective date
- 2 of this act, the director, in cooperation with the Department of
- 3 Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations establishing
- 4 standards for the training and certification of mechanics employed
- 5 by licensed reinspection centers.
- 6 b. Except as provided in subsection c. of this section, no licensee
- 7 nor his employee may perform inspections and make repairs for
- 8 compensation pursuant to this act unless qualified by the comple-
- 9 tion of training courses prescribed by the division in cooperation
- 10 with the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 11 c. Licensees and employees of facilities licensed by the director
- 12 as "reinspection centers" prior to May 1, 1983, may perform in-
- 13 spections or make repairs for compensation pursuant to this act
- 14 without immediately complying with the requirements of subsection
- 15 b. of this section concerning training and certification of mechanics.
- 16 In the event that this act is extended beyond May 1, 1985 or there-

17 after all licensees and employees of licensees shall comply with the

18 standards concerning certification and training of mechanics by

May 1, 1985, in order to perform inspections or make repairs for 19

20 compensation pursuant to this act after that date.

d. The director in cooperation with the Department of Environ-21

mental Protection shall take all necessary steps to promote expedi-22

23 tious compliance with the training and certification of mechanics

as provided in this section. 24

[12.] *14.* (New section) The Director of the Division of Motor 1

Vehicles shall report to the Legislature nine months after the 2

effective date of this act as to the implementation of the provisions 3

of this act. In the event that this act is not extended beyond the 4

original expiration date, the director shall report to the Legislature 5

and the Governor *[regarding what will be needed]* *and recom-

mend appropriate steps to be taken* to reconstitute the *[public]* 7

State operated inspection system. 8

*15. (New section) a. Upon expiration of certain sections and 1

subsections of this act, as provided in section 16 all motor vehicles 2

subject to inspection pursuant to R. S. 39:8-1 shall be initially in-3

spected at official inspection stations. 4

b. Upon expiration of certain sections and subsections of this act

as provided in section 16, all reinspection centers licensed pursuant

to P. L. 1975, c. 156 (C. 39:8-11 et seq.), complying with the pro-7

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visions of this act, any amendatory or supplementary acts and all

rules and regulations adopted by the director, may reinspect all 9

motor vehicles subject to inspection pursuant to R. S. 39:8-1.* 10

[13.] *16.* This act shall take effect immediately but *shall 1

remain inoperative until the enactment of either Assembly Bill No.

3604 of 1983 or Senate Bill No. 3473 of 1983 (now pending before 3

the Legislature) and, except for sections 2, 3, 4, 6c., d., and e., 7, 8,

9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15,* shall expire on the first day of the 12th

month following enactment *unless extended by law beyond that

 $date^*$.

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"I have also directed the Division of Motor Vehicles to move ahead as quickly as possible to prepare for the implementation of the private garage inspection system," Kean said. "Steps will be taken to add personnel to monitor the private system and the Division will move toward licensing current re-inspection stations to allow the dual system to become operational as soon as the Federal review process is completed."

Kean said the State Department of Environmental Protection will submitthe necessary material based on the new legislation and the State plan to meet Federal clean air standards to the Environmental Protection Agency by the second week of July.

"We have been assured by EPA that it will expedite its process and publish the information in the Federal register by early August," Kean said. "Since EPA has indicated that the only requirement is for publication for public comment, I have directed the DEP and the Division of Motor Vehicles to conduct a joint public hearing in August to discuss issues related to the private garage option plan and to present the information from that hearing to EPA for their consideration."

"This approach will, I am convinced, provide all parties with the maximum opportunity to comment on the system and I have received assurances from the Attorney General's office that this action will satisfy all procedural requirements," Kean said.

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