

HB3306



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Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Martha Deuter

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/13C-15

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that vehicles shall be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that begins either in the fifth, seventh, or later calendar year (rather than second, fourth, or later calendar year) after the vehicle model year.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 13C-15 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/13C-15)

7 Sec. 13C-15. Inspections.

8 (a) Computer-Matched Inspections and Notification.

9 (1) The provisions of this subsection (a) are
10 operative until the implementation of the registration
11 denial inspection and notification mechanisms required by
12 subsection (b). Beginning with the implementation of the
13 program required by this Chapter, every motor vehicle that
14 is owned by a resident of an affected county, other than a
15 vehicle that is exempt under paragraph (a)(6) or (a)(7),
16 is subject to inspection under the program.

17 The Agency shall send notice of the assigned
18 inspection month, at least 15 days before the beginning of
19 the assigned month, to the owner of each vehicle subject
20 to the program. An initial emission inspection sticker or
21 initial inspection certificate, as the case may be,
22 expires on the last day of the third month following the
23 month assigned by the Agency for the first inspection of

1 the vehicle. A renewal inspection sticker or certificate
2 expires on the last day of the third month following the
3 month assigned for inspection in the year in which the
4 vehicle's next inspection is required.

5 The Agency or its agent may issue an interim emission
6 inspection sticker or certificate for any vehicle subject
7 to inspection that does not have a currently valid
8 emission inspection sticker or certificate at the time the
9 Agency is notified by the Secretary of State of its
10 registration by a new owner, and for which an initial
11 emission inspection sticker or certificate has already
12 been issued. An interim emission inspection sticker or
13 certificate expires no later than the last day of the
14 sixth complete calendar month after the date the Agency
15 issued the interim emission inspection sticker or
16 certificate.

17 The owner of each vehicle subject to inspection shall
18 obtain an emission inspection sticker or certificate for
19 the vehicle in accordance with this paragraph (1). Before
20 the expiration of the emission inspection sticker or
21 certificate, the owner shall have the vehicle inspected
22 and, upon demonstration of compliance, obtain a renewal
23 emission inspection sticker or certificate. A renewal
24 emission inspection sticker or certificate shall not be
25 issued more than 5 months before the expiration date of
26 the previous inspection sticker or certificate.

1 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(3), vehicles
2 shall be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that begins
3 either in the fifth, seventh ~~second, fourth~~, or later
4 calendar year after the vehicle model year. The beginning
5 test schedule shall be set by the Agency and shall be
6 consistent with the State's requirements for emission
7 reductions as determined by the applicable United States
8 Environmental Protection Agency vehicle emissions
9 estimation model and applicable guidance and rules.

10 (3) A vehicle may be inspected at a time outside of its
11 normal 2-year inspection schedule, if (i) the vehicle was
12 acquired by a new owner and (ii) the vehicle was required
13 to be in compliance with this Act at the time the vehicle
14 was acquired by the new owner, but it was not then in
15 compliance.

16 (4) The owner of a vehicle subject to inspection shall
17 have the vehicle inspected and shall obtain and display on
18 the vehicle or carry within the vehicle, in a manner
19 specified by the Agency, a valid unexpired emission
20 inspection sticker or certificate in the manner specified
21 by the Agency. A person who violates this paragraph (4) is
22 guilty of a petty offense, except that a third or
23 subsequent violation within one year of the first
24 violation is a Class C misdemeanor. The fine imposed for a
25 violation of this paragraph (4) shall be not less than \$50
26 if the violation occurred within 60 days following the

1 date by which a new or renewal emission inspection sticker
2 or certificate was required to be obtained for the
3 vehicle, and not less than \$300 if the violation occurred
4 more than 60 days after that date.

5 (5) For a \$20 fee, to be paid into the Vehicle
6 Inspection Fund, the Agency may inspect:

7 (A) A vehicle registered in and subject to the
8 emission inspections requirements of another state.

9 (B) A vehicle presented for inspection on a
10 voluntary basis.

11 Any fees collected under this paragraph (5) shall not
12 offset Motor Fuel Tax Funds normally appropriated for the
13 program.

14 (6) The following vehicles are not subject to
15 inspection:

16 (A) Vehicles not subject to registration under
17 Article IV of Chapter 3 of this Code, other than
18 vehicles owned by the federal government.

19 (B) Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and
20 motorized pedalcycles.

21 (C) Farm vehicles and implements of husbandry.

22 (D) Implements of warfare owned by the State or
23 federal government.

24 (E) Antique vehicles, expanded-use antique
25 vehicles, custom vehicles, street rods, and vehicles
26 of model year 1967 or before.

1 (F) Vehicles operated exclusively for parade or
2 ceremonial purposes by any veterans, fraternal, or
3 civic organization, organized on a not-for-profit
4 basis.

5 (G) Vehicles for which the Secretary of State,
6 under Section 3-117 of this Code, has issued a Junking
7 Certificate.

8 (H) Diesel powered vehicles and vehicles that are
9 powered exclusively by electricity.

10 (I) Vehicles operated exclusively in organized
11 amateur or professional sporting activities, as
12 defined in Section 3.310 of the Environmental
13 Protection Act.

14 (J) Vehicles registered in, subject to, and in
15 compliance with the emission inspection requirements
16 of another state.

17 (K) Vehicles participating in an OBD continuous
18 monitoring program operated in accordance with
19 procedures adopted by the Agency.

20 (L) Vehicles of model year 1995 or earlier that do
21 not have an expired emissions test sticker or
22 certificate on February 1, 2007.

23 The Agency may issue temporary or permanent exemption
24 stickers or certificates for vehicles temporarily or
25 permanently exempt from inspection under this paragraph
26 (6). An exemption sticker or certificate does not need to

1 be displayed.

2 (7) According to criteria that the Agency may adopt, a
3 motor vehicle may be exempted from the inspection
4 requirements of this Section by the Agency on the basis of
5 an Agency determination that the vehicle is located and
6 primarily used outside of the affected counties or in
7 other jurisdictions where vehicle emission inspections are
8 not required. The Agency may issue an annual exemption
9 sticker or certificate without inspection for any vehicle
10 exempted from inspection under this paragraph (7).

11 (8) Any owner or lessee of a fleet of 15 or more motor
12 vehicles that are subject to inspection under this Section
13 may apply to the Agency for a permit to establish and
14 operate a private official inspection station in
15 accordance with rules adopted by the Agency.

16 (9) Pursuant to Title 40, Section 51.371 of the Code
17 of Federal Regulations, the Agency may establish a program
18 of on-road testing of in-use vehicles through the use of
19 remote sensing devices. In any such program, the Agency
20 shall evaluate the emission performance of 0.5% of the
21 subject fleet or 20,000 vehicles, whichever is less. Under
22 no circumstances shall on-road testing include any sort of
23 roadblock or roadside pullover or cause any type of
24 traffic delay. If, during the course of an on-road
25 inspection, a vehicle is found to exceed the on-road
26 emissions standards established for the model year and

1 type of vehicle, the Agency shall send a notice to the
2 vehicle owner. The notice shall document the occurrence
3 and the results of the on-road exceedance. The notice of a
4 second on-road exceedance shall indicate that the vehicle
5 has been reassigned and is subject to an out-of-cycle
6 follow-up inspection at an official inspection station. In
7 no case shall the Agency send a notice of an on-road
8 exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was found to
9 exceed the on-road emission standards established for the
10 model year and type of vehicle, if the vehicle is
11 registered outside of the affected counties.

12 (b) Registration Denial Inspection and Notification.

13 (1) No later than January 1, 2008, every motor vehicle
14 that is owned by a resident of an affected county, other
15 than a vehicle that is exempt under paragraph (b)(8) or
16 (b)(9), is subject to inspection under the program.

17 The owner of a vehicle subject to inspection shall
18 have the vehicle inspected and obtain proof of compliance
19 from the Agency in order to obtain or renew a vehicle
20 registration for a subject vehicle.

21 The Secretary of State shall notify the owner of a
22 vehicle subject to inspection of the requirement to have
23 the vehicle tested at least 30 days prior to the beginning
24 of the month in which the vehicle's registration is due to
25 expire. Notwithstanding the preceding, vehicles with
26 permanent registration plates shall be notified at least

1 30 days prior to the month corresponding to the date the
2 vehicle was originally registered. This notification shall
3 clearly state the vehicle's test status, based upon the
4 vehicle type, model year and registration address.

5 The owner of each vehicle subject to inspection shall
6 have the vehicle inspected and, upon demonstration of
7 compliance, obtain an emissions compliance certificate for
8 the vehicle.

9 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(3), (b)(4),
10 and (b)(5), vehicles shall be inspected every 2 years on a
11 schedule that begins in the fourth calendar year after the
12 vehicle model year. Even model year vehicles shall be
13 inspected and comply in order to renew registrations
14 expiring in even calendar years and odd model year
15 vehicles shall be inspected and comply in order to renew
16 registrations expiring in odd calendar years.

17 (3) A vehicle shall be inspected and comply at a time
18 outside of its normal 2-year inspection schedule if (i)
19 the vehicle was acquired by a new owner and (ii) the
20 vehicle had not been issued a Compliance Certificate
21 within one year of the date of application for the title or
22 registration, or both, for the vehicle.

23 (4) Vehicles with 2-year registrations shall be
24 inspected every 2 years at the time of registration
25 issuance or renewal on a schedule that begins in the
26 fourth year after the vehicle model year.

1 (5) Vehicles with permanent vehicle registration
2 plates shall be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that
3 begins in the fourth calendar year after the vehicle model
4 year in the month corresponding to the date the vehicle
5 was originally registered. Even model year vehicles shall
6 be inspected and comply in even calendar years, and odd
7 model year vehicles shall be inspected and comply in odd
8 calendar years.

9 (6) The Agency and the Secretary of State shall
10 endeavor to ensure a smooth transition from test
11 scheduling from the provisions of subsection (a) to
12 subsection (b). Passing tests and waivers issued prior to
13 the implementation of this subsection (b) may be utilized
14 to establish compliance for a period of one year from the
15 date of the emissions or waiver inspection.

16 (7) For a \$20 fee, to be paid into the Vehicle
17 Inspection Fund, the Agency may inspect:

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26 compliance with the emission inspection requirements

1 of another state.

2 (K) Vehicles participating in an OBD continuous
3 monitoring program operated in accordance with
4 procedures adopted by the Agency.

5 (L) Vehicles of model year 1995 or earlier that do
6 not have an expired emissions test sticker or
7 certificate on February 1, 2007.

8 (M) Vehicles of model year 2006 or earlier with a
9 manufacturer gross vehicle weight rating between 8,501
10 and 14,000 pounds.

11 (N) Vehicles with a manufacturer gross vehicle
12 weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds.

13 The Agency may issue temporary or permanent exemption
14 certificates for vehicles temporarily or permanently
15 exempt from inspection under this paragraph (8). An
16 exemption sticker or certificate does not need to be
17 displayed.

18 (9) According to criteria that the Agency may adopt, a
19 motor vehicle may be exempted from the inspection
20 requirements of this Section by the Agency on the basis of
21 an Agency determination that the vehicle is located and
22 primarily used outside of the affected counties and in
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25 certificate without inspection for any vehicle exempted
26 from inspection under this paragraph (9).

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15 inspection, a vehicle is found to exceed the on-road
16 emissions standards established for the model year and
17 type of vehicle, the Agency shall send a notice to the
18 vehicle owner. The notice shall document the occurrence
19 and the results of the on-road exceedance. The notice of a
20 second on-road exceedance shall indicate that the vehicle
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22 follow-up inspection at an official inspection station. In
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24 exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was found to
25 exceed the on-road emissions standards established for the
26 model year and type of vehicle, if the vehicle is

1 registered outside of the affected counties.

2 (Source: P.A. 97-106, eff. 2-1-12; 97-412, eff. 1-1-12;

3 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)