

# SB3408



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/4/2026, by Sen. Christopher Belt

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/13C-15

Amends the Emissions Inspection Article of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Allows the owner of a vehicle to renew a vehicle registration for a vehicle subject to an emissions inspection without inspection if the owner agrees to complete the inspection and provide proof of the inspection within 6 months of the registration renewal. Provides that if the vehicle owner fails to complete and provide proof of the inspection with the 6-month period, the vehicle registration shall be revoked immediately.

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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 second, fourth, or later calendar year after  
4 the vehicle model year. The beginning test schedule shall  
5 be set by the Agency and shall be consistent with the  
6 State's requirements for emission reductions as determined  
7 by the applicable United States Environmental Protection  
8 Agency vehicle emissions estimation model and applicable  
9 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 Until the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
18 104th General Assembly, the ~~The~~ owner of a vehicle subject  
19 to inspection shall have the vehicle inspected and obtain  
20 proof of compliance from the Agency in order to obtain or  
21 renew a vehicle registration for a subject vehicle.  
22 However, beginning on the effective date of this  
23 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the owner of  
24 a vehicle subject to inspection may renew a vehicle  
25 registration first having the vehicle inspected if the  
26 owner agrees to complete and provide proof of the

1 inspection within 6 months of the renewal of the vehicle  
2 registration. If the owner fails to complete the  
3 inspection or to provide proof of the inspection within  
4 the 6-month period, the vehicle registration shall be  
5 immediately revoked by the Secretary of State.

6 The Secretary of State shall notify the owner of a  
7 vehicle subject to inspection of the requirement to have  
8 the vehicle tested at least 30 days prior to the beginning  
9 of the month in which the vehicle's registration is due to  
10 expire. Notwithstanding the preceding, vehicles with  
11 permanent registration plates shall be notified at least  
12 30 days prior to the month corresponding to the date the  
13 vehicle was originally registered. This notification shall  
14 clearly state the vehicle's test status, based upon the  
15 vehicle type, model year and registration address.

16 The owner of each vehicle subject to inspection shall  
17 have the vehicle inspected and, upon demonstration of  
18 compliance, obtain an emissions compliance certificate for  
19 the vehicle.

20 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) (3), (b) (4),  
21 and (b) (5), vehicles shall be inspected every 2 years on a  
22 schedule that begins in the fourth calendar year after the  
23 vehicle model year. Even model year vehicles shall be  
24 inspected and comply in order to renew registrations  
25 expiring in even calendar years and odd model year  
26 vehicles shall be inspected and comply in order to renew

1 registrations expiring in odd calendar years.

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

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

12 (5) Vehicles with permanent vehicle registration  
13 plates shall be inspected every 2 years on a schedule that  
14 begins in the fourth calendar year after the vehicle model  
15 year in the month corresponding to the date the vehicle  
16 was originally registered. Even model year vehicles shall  
17 be inspected and comply in even calendar years, and odd  
18 model year vehicles shall be inspected and comply in odd  
19 calendar years.

20 (6) The Agency and the Secretary of State shall  
21 endeavor to ensure a smooth transition from test  
22 scheduling from the provisions of subsection (a) to  
23 subsection (b). Passing tests and waivers issued prior to  
24 the implementation of this subsection (b) may be utilized  
25 to establish compliance for a period of one year from the  
26 date of the emissions or waiver inspection.

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

3                   (A) A vehicle registered in and subject to the  
4                   emissions inspections requirements of another state.

5                   (B) A vehicle presented for inspection on a  
6                   voluntary basis.

7           Any fees collected under this paragraph (7) shall not  
8           offset Motor Fuel Tax Funds normally appropriated for the  
9           program.

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11           inspection:

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24                   ceremonial purposes by any veterans, fraternal, or  
25                   civic organization, organized on a not-for-profit  
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11 compliance with the emission inspection requirements  
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13 (K) Vehicles participating in an OBD continuous  
14 monitoring program operated in accordance with  
15 procedures adopted by the Agency.

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

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

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

24 The Agency may issue temporary or permanent exemption  
25 certificates for vehicles temporarily or permanently  
26 exempt from inspection under this paragraph (8). An

1 exemption sticker or certificate does not need to be  
2 displayed.

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4 motor vehicle may be exempted from the inspection  
5 requirements of this Section by the Agency on the basis of  
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9 exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was found to  
10 exceed the on-road emissions standards established for the  
11 model year and type of vehicle, if the vehicle is  
12 registered outside of the affected counties.

13 (Source: P.A. 97-106, eff. 2-1-12; 97-412, eff. 1-1-12;  
14 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)