

AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 13C-15, 13C-50, 13C-55, and 13C-60 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/13C-15)

Sec. 13C-15. Inspections.

(a) Computer-Matched Inspections and Notification.

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

The Agency shall send notice of the assigned inspection month, at least 15 days before the beginning of the assigned month, to the owner of each vehicle subject to the program. An initial emission inspection sticker or initial inspection certificate, as the case may be, expires on the last day of the third month following the month assigned by the Agency for the first inspection of the vehicle. A renewal inspection sticker or certificate expires on the last day of the third month following the month assigned for inspection in the year in which the vehicle's next inspection is required.

The Agency or its agent may issue an interim emission inspection sticker or certificate for any vehicle subject to inspection that does not have a currently valid emission inspection sticker or certificate at the time the Agency is

notified by the Secretary of State of its registration by a new owner, and for which an initial emission inspection sticker or certificate has already been issued. An interim emission inspection sticker or certificate expires no later than the last day of the sixth complete calendar month after the date the Agency issued the interim emission inspection sticker or certificate.

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

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

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

(4) ~~(d)~~ The owner of a vehicle subject to inspection shall have the vehicle inspected and shall obtain and display on the vehicle or carry within the vehicle, in a

manner specified by the Agency, a valid unexpired emission inspection sticker or certificate in the manner specified by the Agency. A person who violates this paragraph (4) ~~subsection (d)~~ is guilty of a petty offense, except that a third or subsequent violation within one year of the first violation is a Class C misdemeanor. The fine imposed for a violation of this paragraph (4) ~~subsection~~ shall be not less than \$50 if the violation occurred within 60 days following the date by which a new or renewal emission inspection sticker or certificate was required to be obtained for the vehicle, and not less than \$300 if the violation occurred more than 60 days after that date.

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

(A) ~~(1)~~ A vehicle registered in and subject to the emission inspections requirements of another state.

(B) ~~(2)~~ A vehicle presented for inspection on a voluntary basis.

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

(6) ~~(f)~~ The following vehicles are not subject to inspection:

(A) ~~(1)~~ Vehicles not subject to registration under Article IV of Chapter 3 of this Code, other than vehicles owned by the federal government.

(B) ~~(2)~~ Motorcycles, motor driven cycles, and motorized pedalcycles.

(C) ~~(3)~~ Farm vehicles and implements of husbandry.

(D) ~~(4)~~ Implements of warfare owned by the State or federal government.

(E) ~~(5)~~ Antique vehicles, custom vehicles, street rods, and vehicles of model year 1967 or before.

(F) ~~(6)~~ Vehicles operated exclusively for parade or ceremonial purposes by any veterans, fraternal, or civic organization, organized on a not-for-profit

basis.

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

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

(I) ~~(9)~~ Vehicles operated exclusively in organized amateur or professional sporting activities, as defined in Section 3.310 of the Environmental Protection Act.

(J) ~~(10)~~ Vehicles registered in, subject to, and in compliance with the emission inspection requirements of another state.

(K) ~~(11)~~ Vehicles participating in an OBD continuous monitoring program operated in accordance with procedures adopted by the Agency.

(L) ~~(12)~~ Vehicles of model year 1995 or earlier that do not have an expired emissions test sticker or certificate on February 1, 2007.

The Agency may issue temporary or permanent exemption stickers or certificates for vehicles temporarily or permanently exempt from inspection under this paragraph (6) subsection ~~(f)~~. An exemption sticker or certificate does not need to be displayed.

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

(8) ~~(h)~~ Any owner or lessee of a fleet of 15 or more motor vehicles that are subject to inspection under this Section may apply to the Agency for a permit to establish

and operate a private official inspection station in accordance with rules adopted by the Agency.

(9) ~~(i)~~ Pursuant to Title 40, Section 51.371 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Agency may establish a program of on-road testing of in-use vehicles through the use of remote sensing devices. In any such program, the Agency shall evaluate the emission performance of 0.5% of the subject fleet or 20,000 vehicles, whichever is less. Under no circumstances shall on-road testing include any sort of roadblock or roadside pullover or cause any type of traffic delay. If, during the course of an on-road inspection, a vehicle is found to exceed the on-road emissions standards established for the model year and type of vehicle, the Agency shall send a notice to the vehicle owner. The notice shall document the occurrence and the results of the on-road exceedance. The notice of a second on-road exceedance shall indicate that the vehicle has been reassigned and is subject to an out-of-cycle follow-up inspection at an official inspection station. In no case shall the Agency send a notice of an on-road exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was found to exceed the on-road emission standards established for the model year and type of vehicle, if the vehicle is registered outside of the affected counties.

(b) Registration Denial Inspection and Notification.

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

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

The Secretary of State shall notify the owner of a vehicle subject to inspection of the requirement to have the vehicle tested at least 30 days prior to the beginning

of the month in which the vehicle's registration is due to expire. Notwithstanding the preceding, vehicles with permanent registration plates shall be notified at least 30 days prior to the month corresponding to the date the vehicle was originally registered. This notification shall clearly state the vehicle's test status, based upon the vehicle type, model year and registration address.

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

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

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

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

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

years.

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

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

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

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

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

(8) The following vehicles are not subject to inspection:

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

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

(C) Farm vehicles and implements of husbandry.

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

(E) Antique vehicles, custom vehicles, street rods, and vehicles of model year 1967 or before.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Pursuant to Title 40, Section 51.371 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Agency may establish a program

of on-road testing of in-use vehicles through the use of remote sensing devices. In any such program, the Agency shall evaluate the emission performance of 0.5% of the subject fleet or 20,000 vehicles, whichever is less. Under no circumstances shall on-road testing include any sort of roadblock or roadside pullover or cause any type of traffic delay. If, during the course of an on-road inspection, a vehicle is found to exceed the on-road emissions standards established for the model year and type of vehicle, the Agency shall send a notice to the vehicle owner. The notice shall document the occurrence and the results of the on-road exceedance. The notice of a second on-road exceedance shall indicate that the vehicle has been reassigned and is subject to an out-of-cycle follow-up inspection at an official inspection station. In no case shall the Agency send a notice of an on-road exceedance to the owner of a vehicle that was found to exceed the on-road emissions standards established for the model year and type of vehicle, if the vehicle is registered outside of the affected counties.

(Source: P.A. 94-526, eff. 1-1-06.)

(625 ILCS 5/13C-50)

Sec. 13C-50. Costs.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a)(5) or (b)(7) ~~subsection (c)~~ of Section 13C-15, no fee shall be charged to motor vehicle owners for obtaining inspections required under this Chapter. The Vehicle Inspection Fund, which is a fund created in the State treasury for the purpose of receiving moneys from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and other sources, shall be used, subject to appropriation, for the payment of the costs of the program, including reimbursement of those agencies of the State that incur expenses in the administration or enforcement of the program. The Vehicle Inspection Fund shall continue in existence notwithstanding the repeal of Chapter 13B. Any money in the Vehicle Inspection

Fund on February 1, 2007, shall be used for the purposes set forth in this Chapter.

(b) The Agency may acquire, own, maintain, operate, sell, lease and otherwise transfer real and personal property and interests in real and personal property for the purpose of creating or operating inspection stations and for any other purpose relating to the administration of this Chapter, and may use money from the Vehicle Inspection Fund for these purposes.

(Source: P.A. 94-526, eff. 1-1-06.)

(625 ILCS 5/13C-55)

Sec. 13C-55. Enforcement.

(a) Computer-Matched Enforcement.

(1) The provisions of this subsection (a) are operative until the implementation of the registration denial enforcement mechanism required by subsection (b). The Agency shall cooperate in the enforcement of this Chapter by (i) identifying probable violations through computer matching of vehicle registration records and inspection records; (ii) sending one notice to each suspected violator identified through such matching, stating that registration and inspection records indicate that the vehicle owner has not complied with this Chapter; (iii) directing the vehicle owner to notify the Agency or the Secretary of State if he or she has ceased to own the vehicle or has changed residence; and (iv) advising the vehicle owner of the consequences of violating this Chapter.

The Agency shall cooperate with the Secretary of State in the administration of this Chapter and the related provisions of Chapter 3, and shall provide the Secretary of State with such information as the Secretary of State may deem necessary for these purposes, including regular and timely access to vehicle inspection records.

The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Agency in the administration of this Chapter and shall provide the

Agency with such information as the Agency may deem necessary for the purposes of this Chapter, including regular and timely access to vehicle registration records. Section 2-123 of this Code does not apply to the provision of this information.

(2) ~~(b)~~ The Secretary of State shall suspend either the driving privileges or the vehicle registration, or both, of any vehicle owner who has not complied with this Chapter, if (i) the vehicle owner has failed to satisfactorily respond to the one notice sent by the Agency under paragraph (a) (1) ~~subsection (a)~~, and (ii) the Secretary of State has mailed the vehicle owner a notice that the suspension will be imposed if the owner does not comply within a stated period, and the Secretary of State has not received satisfactory evidence of compliance within that period. The Secretary of State shall send this notice only after receiving a statement from the Agency that the vehicle owner has failed to comply with this Section. Notice shall be effective as specified in subsection (c) of Section 6-211 of this Code.

A suspension under this paragraph (a) (2) ~~subsection~~ shall not be terminated until satisfactory proof of compliance has been submitted to the Secretary of State. No driver's license or permit, or renewal of a license or permit, may be issued to a person whose driving privileges have been suspended under this Section until the suspension has been terminated. No vehicle registration or registration plate that has been suspended under this Section may be reinstated or renewed, or transferred by the owner to any other vehicle, until the suspension has been terminated.

(b) Registration Denial Enforcement.

(1) No later than January 1, 2008, and consistent with Title 40, Part 51, Section 51.361 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Agency and the Secretary of State shall design, implement, maintain, and operate a registration

denial enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, and cooperate with other State and local governmental entities to effectuate its provisions. Specifically, this enforcement mechanism shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements:

(A) An external, readily visible means of determining vehicle compliance with the registration requirement to facilitate enforcement of the program;

(B) A biennial schedule of testing that clearly determines when a vehicle shall comply prior to registration;

(C) A testing certification mechanism (either paper-based or electronic) that shall be used for registration purposes and clearly states whether the certification is valid for purposes of registration, including:

(i) Expiration date of the certificate;

(ii) Unambiguous vehicle identification information; and

(iii) Whether the vehicle passed or received a waiver;

(D) A commitment to routinely issue citations to motorists with expired or missing license plates, with either no registration or an expired registration, and with no license plate decals or expired decals, and provide for enforcement officials other than police to issue citations (e.g., parking meter attendants) to parked vehicles in noncompliance;

(E) A commitment to structure the penalty system to deter noncompliance with the registration requirement through the use of mandatory minimum fines (meaning civil, monetary penalties) constituting a meaningful deterrent and through a requirement that compliance be demonstrated before a case can be closed;

(F) Ensurance that evidence of testing is available and checked for validity at the time of a new

registration of a used vehicle or registration renewal;

(G) Prevention of owners or lessors from avoiding testing through manipulation of the title or registration system; title transfers may re-start the clock on the inspection cycle only if proof of current compliance is required at title transfer;

(H) Prevention of the fraudulent initial classification or reclassification of a vehicle from subject to non-subject or exempt by requiring proof of address changes prior to registration record modification, and documentation from the testing program (or delegate) certifying based on a physical inspection that the vehicle is exempt;

(I) Limiting and tracking of the use of time extensions of the registration requirement to prevent repeated extensions;

(J) Providing for meaningful penalties for cases of registration fraud;

(K) Limiting and tracking exemptions to prevent abuse of the exemption policy for vehicles claimed to be out-of-state; and

(L) Encouraging enforcement of vehicle registration transfer requirements when vehicle owners move into the affected counties by coordinating with local and State enforcement agencies and structuring other activities (e.g., driver's license issuance) to effect registration transfers.

(2) The Agency shall cooperate in the enforcement of this Chapter by providing the owner or owners of complying vehicles with a Compliance Certificate stating that the vehicle meets all applicable requirements of this Chapter.

The Agency shall cooperate with the Secretary of State in the administration of this Chapter and the related provisions of Chapter 3, and shall provide the Secretary of State with such information as the Secretary of State may

deem necessary for these purposes, including regular and timely access to vehicle inspection records.

The Secretary of State shall cooperate with the Agency in the administration of this Chapter and shall provide the Agency with such information as the Agency may deem necessary for the purposes of this Chapter, including regular and timely access to vehicle registration records. Section 2-123 of this Code does not apply to the provision of this information.

(3) Consistent with the requirements of Section 13C-15, the Secretary of State shall not renew any vehicle registration for a subject vehicle that has not complied with this Chapter. Additionally, the Secretary of State shall not allow the issuance of a new registration nor allow the transfer of a registration to a subject vehicle that has not complied with this Chapter.

(4) The Secretary of State shall suspend the registration of any vehicle which has permanent vehicle registration plates that has not complied with the requirements of this Chapter. A suspension under this paragraph (4) shall not be terminated until satisfactory proof of compliance has been submitted to the Secretary of State. No permanent vehicle registration plate that has been suspended under this Section may be reinstated or renewed, or transferred by the owner to any other vehicle, until the suspension has been terminated.

(Source: P.A. 94-526, eff. 1-1-06.)

(625 ILCS 5/13C-60)

Sec. 13C-60. Other offenses.

(a) Any person who knowingly displays an emission inspection or exemption certificate for ~~sticker or exemption sticker on~~ any vehicle other than the one for which the certificate ~~sticker~~ was lawfully issued in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, or duplicates, alters, uses, possesses, issues, or distributes any emission inspection or

~~exemption sticker, exemption sticker, inspection~~ certificate, or facsimile thereof, except in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and the rules and regulations adopted hereunder, is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

(b) A vehicle owner shall pay a monetary fine equivalent to the test fee plus the applicable waiver repair expenditure for the continued operation of a non-complying ~~noncomplying~~ vehicle beyond 4 months past the expiration of the vehicle emission inspection certificate. Any fines collected under this Section shall be divided equally between the local jurisdiction issuing the citation and the Vehicle Inspection Fund.

(Source: P.A. 94-526, eff. 1-1-06.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.