

SENATE BILL 586

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By: **Senator Beidle**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program – Exemptions – Older Drivers**

3 FOR the purpose of lowering the minimum age the owner of a motor vehicle must attain in
4 order for the motor vehicle to be exempt from mandatory inspection and testing
5 requirements; increasing the maximum number of miles a motor vehicle may be
6 driven annually in order to be exempt from mandatory inspection and testing
7 requirements; and generally relating to the exemption of certain vehicles from
8 mandatory inspection and testing requirements of the vehicle emissions inspection
9 program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 23–206.2(b)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2020 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 23–206.2.

19 (b) (1) A motor vehicle owned by an individual who is at least [70] **65** years of
20 age at the time of a scheduled mandatory inspection under this subtitle is exempt from the
21 mandatory inspections required by this subtitle if:

22 (i) All of the owners of the motor vehicle are at least [70] **65** years
23 of age at the time of the scheduled mandatory inspection under this subtitle;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) The motor vehicle is being driven [5,000] **10,000** miles or less
2 annually; and

3 (iii) The exemption is not otherwise prohibited by federal law.

4 (2) In order to qualify for an exemption under paragraph (1) of this
5 subsection, all owners of the motor vehicle shall certify the following:

6 (i) That all of the owners of the motor vehicle are at least [70] **65**
7 years of age at the time of a scheduled mandatory inspection under this subtitle;

8 (ii) That the motor vehicle is being driven [5,000] **10,000** miles or
9 less annually; and

10 (iii) The motor vehicle's odometer reading at the time of the
11 certification.

12 (3) The certification required in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be
13 made on a form provided by the Administration.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2021.