

SENATE BILL 670

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SB 566/20 – JPR

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By: **Senator Smith**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Registration Renewal – Inspection Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require, if applicable,
4 the submission of a valid registration renewal inspection certificate before renewing
5 a motor vehicle registration; requiring a registration renewal inspection to include a
6 certain examination of certain motor vehicle equipment; providing that a
7 registration renewal inspection certificate shall remain valid for a certain period of
8 time; requiring a registration renewal inspection certificate to include certain
9 information; prohibiting an inspection station from charging more than a certain
10 amount for conducting a registration renewal inspection; and generally relating to
11 required vehicle inspections for motor vehicle registration renewal.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 13–412(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 23–107.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 13–412.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, unless current
2 validation tabs have been issued by the Administration and are displayed on the plates as
3 provided in this subtitle, the registration and the registration plates issued under this title
4 for them expire at midnight on the dates indicated on the registration card issued by the
5 Administration.

6 (2) IF REQUIRED UNDER § 23-107.1 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
7 ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF A VALID REGISTRATION
8 RENEWAL INSPECTION CERTIFICATE BEFORE RENEWING THE REGISTRATION FOR A
9 MOTOR VEHICLE.

10 **23-107.1.**

11 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION
12 CERTIFICATE” MEANS A CERTIFICATION BY AN AUTHORIZED INSPECTION STATION
13 THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER
14 THIS TITLE FOR THE EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

15 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLES.

16 (C) BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATION RENEWS THE REGISTRATION OF A
17 MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS AT LEAST 5 MODEL YEARS OLD, THE ADMINISTRATION
18 SHALL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF A VALID REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION
19 CERTIFICATE FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE MANNER THE ADMINISTRATION
20 REQUIRES.

21 (D) A REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN
22 EXAMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE
23 EQUIPMENT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS TITLE:

24 (1) BRAKES;

25 (2) STEERING COLUMN;

26 (3) HORN;

27 (4) MIRRORS;

28 (5) LIGHTS;

29 (6) WINDOWS;

30 (7) WINDSHIELD;

1 **(8) WINDSHIELD WIPERS;**

2 **(9) SPEEDOMETER; AND**

3 **(10) SEAT BELTS.**

4 **(E) A REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION CERTIFICATE SHALL:**

5 **(1) REMAIN VALID FOR 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE CERTIFICATE**
6 **IS ISSUED; AND**

7 **(2) IDENTIFY:**

8 **(I) THE INSPECTION STATION WHERE THE MOTOR VEHICLE**
9 **WAS INSPECTED; AND**

10 **(II) THE LICENSED INSPECTION MECHANIC WHO INSPECTED**
11 **THE MOTOR VEHICLE.**

12 **(F) AN INSPECTION STATION MAY NOT CHARGE MORE THAN \$45 FOR**
13 **CONDUCTING A REGISTRATION RENEWAL INSPECTION.**

14 **(G) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**
15 **THIS SECTION.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2022.