

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



Session 2007

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 509 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Motor Vehicle Inspection Changes.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Brown

| | FISCAL IMPACT | | | | |
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| | Yes (x) | No () | No Estimate Available () | | |
| | <u>FY 2007-08</u> | <u>FY 2008-09</u> | <u>FY 2009-10</u> | <u>FY 2010-11</u> | <u>FY 2011-12</u> |
| REVENUES: | \$94,050 | \$94,050 | \$94,050 | \$94,050 | \$94,050 |
| EXPENDITURES: | \$275,000 | - | - | - | - |
| POSITIONS (cumulative): | - | - | - | - | - |
| PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles | | | | | |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: The time extension for a vehicle re-inspection is effective January 1, 2009. The increase in fines associated with civil penalties is effective when the bill becomes law. | | | | | |

BILL SUMMARY: Amends G.S. 20-183.3(c) to extend the timeframe from 30 to 60 days that an individual has to have a vehicle re-inspected after the vehicle has failed the initial inspection. This act amends G.S. 20-183.8A to exempt active duty military personnel from civil penalties assessed from emissions violations. The act changes the penalties and increases fines for type 1 emissions violations and creates a civil penalty for clean scanning violations.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

- This act increases the fine for civil penalties to the inspection stations, self-inspectors and mechanics. Based upon 2006 penalties/fines assessed, the proposed increase of fines will result in estimated additional revenues of \$90,050. There is no estimate available for amount of revenues to be generated for the clean scanning violation.

- This act will require modifications to the existing hearing/penalty package on the computer system for recording and tracking; Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) estimates the modifications to cost \$275,000 during the first year of implementation of this act. There are no additional ongoing costs for these changes.
- The Division of Motor Vehicles' current policy is to exempt military personnel when proof of deployment is presented to DMV. The civil penalties are cleared for that period of time that the service member is deployed. This language exemption is current business practice and there is no additional cost to DMV.
- Each inspection station would need to have their software for inspections upgraded to reflect the change increasing the period of time for re-inspection from 30 to 60 days. The upgrade would be completed by the vendors servicing that equipment and paid for by the stations; while there is no cost to the state, the stations would be required to pay for these modifications and that cost is not known at this time.

SOURCES OF DATA: Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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