

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Transportation

23-202.

(a) The Administration, by October 1, 1979, shall publish, in the Maryland Register, proposed rules and regulations providing, to the extent required by federal law, for the establishment of an emissions inspection program to commence no earlier than July 1, 1980 and no later than [January 1,] DECEMBER 31, -f-1982-f- 1983. Prior to the drafting of the rules and regulations, the Administration shall hold a minimum of two public hearings, one in the Baltimore metropolitan area and one in the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area in Maryland for the purpose of receiving public comments. The Administration shall submit the proposed rules and regulations to each house of the General Assembly not later than the 15th day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1980. The rules and regulations shall provide that as of [January 1,] DECEMBER 31, -f-1981-f- 1982, the emissions program is a voluntary one conducted by the Administration in various areas of the State. Public education and awareness programs shall be conducted on a regular basis to inform the citizens concerning the benefits of the emissions program. After [January 1,] DECEMBER 31, -f-1982-f- 1983, the program shall be mandatory for all motor vehicles in the State not otherwise exempted. Unless legislation establishing a different program is enacted in the 1980 Session, the proposed rules and regulations, with any amendments that shall have been concurred in by joint resolution of the General Assembly, shall take effect as provided in the rules and regulations.

(b) The program shall require that an inspection system be established in this State to provide for annual inspection, under a schedule adopted by the Administrator, of those motor vehicles required to be inspected.

(c) The inspection system shall consist of inspection facilities established in strategic locations that will best serve the public convenience.

(D) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION:

(1) MAY GRANT A WAIVER TO A VEHICLE OWNER IF:

(I) THE VEHICLE FAILS TO PASS THE EMISSION TEST;

(II) THE VEHICLE OWNER HAS ACTUALLY EXPENDED \$75 FOR REPAIRS TO THE VEHICLE; AND