

(e) -- The Administration shall prepare a final request for proposal for a contractor-operated system with bids to be received no later than January 1, 1981.

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(a) -- In the proposed rules and regulations the Administration shall provide for the establishment of inspection facilities. If the Administration determines that the system can be installed and operated more effectively and economically by an independent contractor than if installed and operated by the Administration, the Administration may award the installation and operation of the inspection facilities to an independent contractor selected in accordance with the bidding procedures established by the laws of this State.

(b) -- The facility shall be provided, equipped, and maintained by the independent contractor, and the operating personnel of the facility shall be employees of the contractor, and not of the State.

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(A) -- The inspection facilities established under the program shall conduct inspections of motor vehicles to determine whether each vehicle complies with the emission standards established under this subtitle for that vehicle.

(B) -- THE INSPECTION FACILITIES MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH A DIAGNOSTIC LANE AT WHICH A VEHICLE OWNER WHOSE VEHICLE HAS FAILED THE INSPECTION MAY BE PROVIDED, AT NO EXTRA COST, A DIAGNOSIS OF THE PROBABLE REASONS THE VEHICLE FAILED THE INSPECTION AND THE PROJECTED COST OF REPAIRS NEEDED TO BE DONE FOR THE VEHICLE TO PASS.

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(a) -- The Administration shall set the fee to be charged for each vehicle to be inspected under the program.

(1) -- The fee shall not exceed \$9.

(2) -- The fee shall be collected by the inspecting facility at the time of inspection.

(b) -- A specific portion of the fee shall be paid to the Administrator to cover the cost of supervision, as provided in the contract between the contractor and the Administration.

(c) -- (1) -- IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS EXIST IN THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY USE THOSE FUNDS TO PAY THE INSPECTION FACILITY FOR ITS COST OF