

(iii) The Administration and the Secretary may establish a statewide centralized or decentralized program or any combination of centralized and decentralized programs in separate regions of the State.

(b) If the program is awarded to an independent contractor, the facilities shall be provided, equipped, and maintained by the independent contractor, and the operating personnel of the facilities shall be employees of the contractor, and not of the State, and the contractor may not perform emissions related repairs as defined in [§ 23-201] § 23-201 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(c) (1) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint a special committee composed of 3 Senators and 3 Delegates who shall regularly consult with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of the Environment on the administration of the EMISSIONS CONTROL program and any contract in accordance with the terms of these provisions.

(2) The special committee shall regularly report to the Legislative Policy Committee of the Maryland General Assembly on the administration of the EMISSIONS CONTROL program and any contract awarded in accordance with the provisions of this section.

23-204.

The facilities established under § 23-203 of this subtitle shall conduct the [annual exhaust emissions test or the biennial] exhaust emissions [test] TESTS and emissions equipment and misfueling inspections of motor vehicles to determine whether each vehicle complies with [emission] EMISSIONS standards established under this subtitle for that vehicle.

23-205.

(a) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Administration and the Secretary shall set the fee to be charged for each vehicle to be inspected and tested by a facility.

(2) THE FEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1995 THROUGH MAY 31, 1996, MAY NOT EXCEED \$14 ~~§12~~; AND

(II) DURING THE PERIOD AFTER MAY 31, 1996, MAY NOT EXCEED \$17 ~~§14~~.

(b) The fee shall be collected in a manner established by the Administration and the Secretary.

(c) A specific portion of the fee shall be paid to or retained by the Administration to cover the cost of administration and enforcement of the [vehicle] emissions [inspection] CONTROL program, as provided in the contract between the contractor and the State.