

(3) Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, may grant additional waivers to extend the time for compliance in cases of financial hardship or for unusual circumstances;

(4) Shall establish criteria to certify repair TECHNICIANS AND facilities for the purpose of bringing vehicles into compliance with the applicable emissions standards, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF REASONABLE FEES TO COVER THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING AND OVERSEEING THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM;

(5) May provide for the suspension, revocation, or denial of renewal of the certification of a repair TECHNICIAN OR facility upon evidence that vehicles repaired by that TECHNICIAN OR facility for the purpose of bringing them into compliance with the applicable emissions standards have repeatedly failed tests or retests and the Administration and the Secretary have clear and convincing evidence the repair TECHNICIAN OR facility is not meeting satisfactory performance standards;

(6) Shall define the inspection parameters for the emissions equipment and misfueling inspection;

(7) Shall adopt a schedule for the exhaust emissions test;

(8) Shall adopt a schedule for the emissions equipment and misfueling inspections; and

(9) Shall establish, under Title 2 of the Environment Article, emissions standards to be used for the exhaust emissions tests and emissions equipment and misfueling inspections of motor vehicles under this subtitle.

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(a) (1) By rules and regulations, the Administration and the Secretary shall provide for the establishment of facilities to conduct any tests or inspections required to be performed under this subtitle.

(2) If the Administration and the Secretary determine that the system can be installed and operated more effectively and economically by an independent contractor than if installed and operated by the Administration and the Secretary, the Administration and the Secretary 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.

(3) (i) If, on or after July 1, 1991, the Administration and Secretary are required by federal law to extend the emissions control program to additional areas of the State and the Administration and Secretary determine that the inspection facilities can be installed and operated more effectively and economically by one or more independent contractors than if installed and operated by the Administration and Secretary, the Administration and Secretary may:

1. Award the installation and operation of the inspection facilities to one independent contractor for the installation and operation of all inspection facilities in this State; or