

VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION

AMENDMENTS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections Act by amending provisions related to safety inspections.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a safety inspection exemption for certain motor vehicles; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on January 1, 2008.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-8-205, as last amended by Chapter 108, Laws of Utah 2003

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53-8-205** is amended to read:

53-8-205. Safety inspection required -- Frequency of safety inspection -- Safety inspection certificate required -- Out-of-state permits.



(1) (a) Except as provided in ~~Subsection (1)(b),~~ Section 41-1a-205 and Subsections (1)(b) and (3), a person may not operate on a highway a motor vehicle required to be registered in this state unless the motor vehicle has passed a safety inspection.

(b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to:

- (i) vehicles exempt from registration under Section 41-1a-205; and
- (ii) off-highway vehicles.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the frequency of the safety inspection shall be determined based on the age of the vehicle determined by model year and shall:

(a) be required each year for a vehicle that is eight or more years old on January 1; or

(b) every two years for each vehicle that is less than eight years old on January 1 as follows:

(i) in odd-numbered years for a vehicle with an odd-numbered model year; and

(ii) in even-numbered years for a vehicle with an even-numbered model year;

(c) be made by a safety inspector certified by the division at a safety inspection station authorized by the division;

(d) cover an inspection of the motor vehicle mechanism, brakes, and equipment to ensure proper adjustment and condition as required by department rules; and

(e) include an inspection for the display of license plates in accordance with Section 41-1a-404.

(3) (a) (i) A salvage vehicle as defined in Section 41-1a-1001 is required to pass a safety inspection when an application is made for initial registration as a salvage vehicle.

~~[(b)]~~ (ii) After initial registration as a salvage vehicle, the frequency of the safety inspection shall correspond with the model year, as provided in Subsection (2).

(b) A vehicle is exempt from its first scheduled inspection under Subsection (2)(b) if:

(i) the vehicle has an odd-numbered model year but is purchased as a new motor vehicle in the even-numbered year following its model year; or

(ii) the vehicle has an even-numbered model year but is purchased as a new motor vehicle in the odd-numbered year following its model year.

(4) A safety inspection station shall issue a safety inspection certificate to the owner of each motor vehicle that passes a safety inspection under this section.

(5) The division may:

59 (a) authorize the acceptance in this state of a safety inspection certificate issued in
60 another state having a safety inspection law similar to this state; and

61 (b) extend the time within which a safety inspection certificate must be obtained by the
62 resident owner of a vehicle that was not in this state during the time a safety inspection was
63 required.

64 Section 2. **Effective date.**

65 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2008.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments. Some individuals and businesses may benefit from reduced costs of inspections.

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