

Amendment to SB 157-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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3 2 Rental Fleet Passenger Vehicle Inspection. Amend RSA 266:1, II-IV to read as follows:

4 II. Any vehicle registered under this title, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, roadable  
5 aircraft, or other exempt vehicle, shall be inspected once a year, **except as provided in paragraph**  
6 **IV-a**, during the month in which the birth date of the owner is observed, if the owner is a natural  
7 person. An inspection sticker shall be valid for the same duration as the vehicle's registration, which  
8 shall not exceed 16 months. If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will  
9 be one of the next 4 months, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth  
10 month in the following year, of the first person named on the title application. Nothing in this  
11 paragraph shall require any person who has registered and had inspected a vehicle with temporary  
12 plates to have the vehicle reinspected upon receipt of permanent motor vehicle plates. An inspection  
13 sticker shall not expire when a vehicle is transferred to a licensed dealer.

14 II-a. Notwithstanding RSA 266:1, II, **and except as provided in paragraph IV-a**, if the  
15 month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, and the  
16 vehicle owner provides written verification of absence from New Hampshire during the entire  
17 anniversary month, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month  
18 in the following year, of the first person named on the title application.

19 III. If the owner of the vehicle is a company or corporation or other than a natural person,  
20 the annual inspection shall be made during the month designated by the director as the registration  
21 month for such legal entity. Vehicles registered as antique motor vehicles and antique motorcycles  
22 and which are 40 years old and over shall be inspected biennially. Antique motor vehicles and  
23 custom vehicles shall be inspected in the month of May. Without regard to the owner's birth date or  
24 registration month, motorcycles, autocycles, and recreational vehicles shall be inspected annually by  
25 July 1.

26 IV. Notwithstanding paragraphs II and III, **and except as provided in paragraph IV-a**,  
27 newly registered vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles,  
28 mopeds, roadable aircraft, and vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs,  
29 snowmobiles, mopeds, and roadable aircraft, the ownership of which has been transferred, shall be  
30 inspected not later than 10 days after the registration or transfer of ownership of said vehicle.  
31 However, if a new vehicle **other than one described in paragraph IV-a** is purchased at retail  
32 from a licensed dealer, as defined in RSA 259:18, the vehicle shall be inspected not later than 20

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1 days after the date of transfer. A used vehicle for which a dealer has issued a 20-day plate pursuant  
2 to RSA 261:109 shall be inspected by the dealer or an authorized inspection station on behalf of the  
3 dealer at the time of the attachment of the plate unless a valid inspection sticker issued by the  
4 dealer is in place, in which case the vehicle shall be inspected within 20 days or before the sticker  
5 expires, whichever occurs first. All other expired motor vehicle inspections shall be subject to the 10-  
6 day grace period in RSA 266:5.

7 *IV-a. A fleet vehicle that is registered as part of the rental fleet registration*  
8 *program pursuant to RSA 261:40-b and which was purchased within one year prior to or*  
9 *during the vehicle's model year shall be inspected upon purchase and not again until the*  
10 *common annual expiration date in the second year after purchase. The vehicle shall bear*  
11 *an inspection sticker that indicates the vehicle is in compliance with inspection*  
12 *regulations.*

13 *IV-b. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this paragraph, the*  
14 *commissioner of the department of safety shall make rules relative to the establishment*  
15 *and administration of the rental fleet passenger vehicle program established in RSA*  
16 *261:40-b and the waiver of registration in paragraph IV-a.*

17 *IV-c. As soon as practicable, the department of environmental services shall submit*  
18 *an amendment to the state implementation plan to the United States Environmental*  
19 *Protection Agency for approval.*

20 3 Contingency. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect when the commissioner of the  
21 department of environmental services certifies to the director of the office of legislative services that  
22 the United States Environmental Protection Agency has approved amendments to the state SIP as it  
23 relates to the rental fleet registration program established in RSA 261:40-b.

24 4 Effective Date.

25 I. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect as provided in section 3.

26 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon passage.