



Dear AASP-PA Member,

As expected there has been new legislation introduced to make a radical change to the PA Emission Inspection program. This legislation is Senate Bill 332, introduced by Senator Vogel. The proposed changes are to make new cars exempt from emission inspection for a period of 10 years from the original registration date with no mileage restrictions. AASP-PA is opposed to this legislation and we have been proactive in beginning the battle to defeat this legislation.

Attached (or follow link) is an action package which includes the Senate Bill 332, a sample letter opposing the bill, AASP-PA's official position letter, a position paper from AAIA, talking points about the 10 year emission exemption and a list of Senators that compose the Senate Transportation committee.

This is where you come in, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please review the package and on your company letterhead send in the letter opposing SB332 to all Transportation Committee Senators in your county, because they are currently working on redistricting the Senators of Pennsylvania. This action is a vital tool for us to continue fighting against legislation that could have drastic affects to the automotive industry in PA. Please note that these letters should be sent to the Senator's Harrisburg office address, not their district office address.

The time to get involved in your local Chapter meetings is now. This will be one of the ways we will keep you updated on the current status of legislation in our industry. We will also have in the near future all the latest legislative news on our website at www.AASP-PA.org.

Thank you for cooperation and time,

Keith Heilveil

President AASP-PA

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ACTION PLAN

SB 332

Suggested sample letter to legislator opposing SB332

Position statement

AAIA letter to members

Talking points Ten Year Emission Exemption Senate Bill 332

Members make sure you and suppliers are on AASP-PA email list

Identify who is your legislator. Then write to them per the attached sample letter.

Set up chapter meeting and invite all suppliers and non-members to update on SB332 meeting.

Send a packet to your supplier and explain the affect this will have on your business and their business. Ask them to make multiple copies and send to all shops.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 332 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK, BAKER, SCARNATI,
HUTCHINSON, WHITE, EICHELBERGER, ROBBINS, YUDICHAK, COSTA,
WAUGH, BRUBAKER AND BREWSTER, JANUARY 30, 2013

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 30, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for
3 requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4702(g) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding paragraphs and the
8 section is amended by adding subsections to read:

9 § 4702. Requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

10 * * *

11 (g) Exceptions.--The following are exceptions to subsection
12 (f):

13 * * *

14 (5) Emission inspection criteria for newest model year
15 vehicles.--A subject vehicle shall be exempt from the
16 requirements for emission inspection for ten years from the
17 date of original registration.

18 (6) Emission inspection criteria for alternative fuel

1 vehicles.--A subject vehicle powered by electric, hybrid
2 electric or compressed natural gas shall be exempt from the
3 requirements for emission inspection. A certificate of
4 exemption shall be affixed to the subject vehicle in a manner
5 prescribed by department regulations.

6 (h) Notification to Environmental Protection Agency.--The
7 department, in consultation with the Department of Environmental
8 Protection, shall immediately notify the Environmental
9 Protection Agency of the modifications to the vehicle emission
10 program in subsection (g)(5) and (6) and of the intent to seek
11 its approval of the plan in accordance with the requirements of
12 Federal law.

13 (i) Anti-tampering inspections.--Notwithstanding the
14 provisions of subsection (g)(5) and (6), newest ten model year
15 and alternative fuel vehicles shall be subject to visual anti-
16 tampering inspections for the presence of emissions control
17 components installed on the vehicle by manufacturers.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

S A M P L E L E T T E R

Dear Honorable Senator _____

I am writing you to express my opposition to the Senate Bill 332, which would exempt the emissions inspection requirement for new vehicles for a period of 10 years.

My business (Business name), has operated in the Commonwealth for XX years and employs XX technicians in our facility.

Over the years, we have invested significant money in equipment and training to provide emission testing and necessary repairs to our customers vehicles while enabling the Commonwealth to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act.

Exempting vehicles from the emissions testing requirement would certainly seriously impact the operation of our business and force me to reevaluate the need for our existing personnel. The proposed changes to this program will also have many adverse effects to the environment, the economic climate of the automotive industry and the general safety and health of the motoring public in the State of Pennsylvania.

We respectfully request that you oppose Senate Bill 332.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Technician Sample Letter

Dear Honorable Senator _____

I am writing you to express my opposition to the Senate Bill 332, which would exempt the emissions inspection requirement for new vehicles for a period of 10 years.

Exempting vehicles from the emissions testing requirement would certainly seriously impact the automotive industry and certainly could affect my job and many others in the Commonwealth. The proposed changes to this program will also have many adverse effects to the environment, the economic climate of the automotive industry and the general safety and health of the motoring public in the State of Pennsylvania.

I respectfully request that you oppose Senate Bill 332.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

(Name and Address)

(Employer)



AASP-PA Position Paper

AASP-PA has for some time been aware of effort by Legislatures to eliminate the state safety inspection and emissions inspection programs.

Several state legislators are proposing fundamental changes to both the state emissions inspection program and the safety inspection program. Similar initiatives have been introduced in the past, and AASP-PA has always been successful in fighting to keep the programs intact and unaltered.

Because of the anticipated consideration of a comprehensive transportation package by the General Assembly this year, AASP-PA is being particularly vigilant to combat efforts to eliminate these important state programs. Our primary concern is that elected officials might view eliminating the emissions and safety inspection programs as a way of lessening voter anger and displeasure over the legislature raising the gas tax to pay for increased funding for state transportation systems.

Safety Inspection Program

The Governor's transportation initiative will soon be unveiled. Although the Governor's transportation funding advisory commission recommended eliminating the safety inspection requirement for new vehicles for their first two years, the Governor's formal proposal will not include any state safety inspection program changes.

While AASP-PA's effort to discourage the advancement of any inspection program proposals were successful with the Governor's Office, AASP-PA nonetheless, anticipates that the initiative will resurface in the coming months as the legislature takes up transportation funding legislation. We want you to know that AASP-PA is ready for this and is actively working to protect your rights.

Emissions Inspection Programs

While the emissions inspection program is required for state compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act, many legislators believe that program is outdated and recognize the possible popularity of discontinuing it in Pennsylvania.

AASP-PA is already working with other program stakeholders and state and federal regulators to advocate for the continuation of the emissions testing program as it currently exists.

AASP-PA strongly believes that any changes to either the State Inspection or Emission Inspection program will have many adverse effects to the environment, the economic climate of the automotive industry and the general safety and health of the motoring public in the State of Pennsylvania.

TO: AAIA Members in Pennsylvania

FR: AAIA Government Affairs

RE: Pennsylvania Senate Bill Offers Exemptions on Emissions Inspections

The Issue: On January 30, a bipartisan group of Pennsylvania State Senators introduced Senate Bill 332 (SB 332) to provide exemptions for new and alternative fuel vehicles from requirements that they undergo emissions inspections. "Newest model year" vehicles would receive a 10-year moratorium and electric, hybrid electric or compressed natural gas vehicles would be given a lifetime exemption. Such action would gut the emissions inspection program, meaning that malfunctioning emissions systems would go unrepaired for virtually the life of the vehicle. The AAIA urges you to write your State Senator and ask that they oppose SB 332.

Background: In 1990 the Clean Air Act created the need for states to institute enhanced vehicle emissions inspection programs to meet new more stringent federal standards. Due to the fact that an emission related malfunctions are often ignored by motorists, the emissions inspection program plays a key role in ensuring that emission related problems are repaired by the car owners on a timely basis. Although sometimes unpopular with motorists, they are key component in a state's efforts to reduce pollution from mobile sources.

Action Needed: By delaying inspections for 10 years, SB 332 would lead to an enormous increase in the amount of unperformed maintenance by car owners. Not only will this have an adverse impact on the small businesses that comprise the repair industry, but it would have huge negative implications for air quality in the state. We urge that all AAIA members with locations in Pennsylvania contact their state Senator and urge them to oppose SB 332. For your convenience, a pre-written message has been provided so you can let your opinion be heard.

Please let your State Senator know that they must oppose SB 332 today!

[Click here to take action](#)

For more information on the legislative issues impacting the aftermarket in Pennsylvania, please visit www.aaiagovernmentaffairs.org.

Talking Points

Ten Year Emission Exemption - Senate Bill 332

We are currently challenged with a Senate and House Bill that proposes a ten year Emission Inspection Exemption. We need to look at some interesting concerns to present to our Legislators. We also need to make sure the process we follow is "Test as Presented", fail the car if the check engine light is illuminated.

Look at the EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency's) concept of the I/M Program. The EPA's idea was to have an Emission Inspection program that would encourage the customer to perform the maintenance. Inspection and maintenance—that is why the program is called the I/M program. When we look at the test data, the fact that fewer cars fail is proof that there are fewer vehicles emitting pollutants and that air quality is better. The reality is fewer fails are a good thing, therefore the program is working. This is because of improvements to the vehicles design, maintenance and testing.

The vehicle's CEL (Check Engine Light) alerts a driver when there is a malfunction. Maintenance or a repair must be done. When the CEL is ignored and minor repair or a maintenance item is overlooked it could lead to the replacement of more expensive component like a catalytic convertor or air fuel ratio sensor. This is how the I/M program controls expense. We need to express this to our legislators.

Let's look at how we process a vehicle with an illuminated CEL. The car comes in to your shop one month before the inspection expires for an oil change and CEL. We complete the repair and tell the customer to drive the car to set readiness. We want to save the customer labor dollars. There is an expense incurred when a vehicle needs to be driven to set readiness. This is great but perhaps we should think about failing the vehicle since it is within the inspection test cycle and then there would be better representation of the actual failure rate.

Last but not least is a "Not Ready" vehicle that is considered a reject test, rather than a fail. Let's look at just one of many situations that could cause a "Not Ready" condition, a faulty thermostat. The thermostat is either not reaching the proper temperature or it is not reaching the temperature fast enough. This could be the reason the vehicle will not set the readiness monitors. Before replacing the thermostats, advise the customer that when you replace the thermostat, the monitors will run and a CEL may set. It is kind of hard to explain to the customer after you have replaced the thermostat and then the CEL illuminates. Set your environment before you step in it. In this case, the "Not Ready" situation is really a fail. There are vehicles that set CEL when the thermostat does not reach the proper temperature fast enough and there are vehicles that will only be "Not Ready" for the same condition. The "Not Ready" vehicles are not reflected in the failed test results although they may be a Fail.

This may be some information you may want to explain to your legislator before he votes on a bill to exempt Emission Inspection. Please be aware that AASP and our Lobbyist John Kulik have been very involved in communicating our concerns to the legislature. As we watch Emission testing trends in other states, we are certain that we will need to continue these efforts. We need your input and cooperation.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not reside or operate your business in one of the counties listed below, please refrain from sending a letter. If (or when) the time comes that a letter is needed by you, AASP-PA will let you know.

Thank you for your assistance.

Senate Committee on Transportation

Name	Counties Services	Address
John C. Rafferty, Jr.	Part of Berks, Chester and Montgomery	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr. Senate Box 203044 Room: 20 East Wing Harrisburg, PA 17120-3044
John N. Wozniak	Cambria, & part of Center, Clearfield, Clinton and Somerset	Sen. John N. Wozniak Senate Box 203035 Room: 10 East Wing Harrisburg, PA 17120-3035
Donald C. White	Indiana & part of Armstrong, Butler, Clearfield and Westmoreland	Sen. Donald C. White Senate Box 203041 Room: 286 Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120-3041
Joseph B. Scarnati, III	Cameron, Elk, Jefferson, Mckean, Potter, Tioga and parts of Clearfield & Warren	Sen. Joseph B. Scarnati, III Senate Box 203025 Room: 292 Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025
Richard L. Alloway, II	Adams, Franklin & part of York	Sen. Richard L. Alloway, II Senate Box 203033 Room: 187 Main Capitol Harrisburg, PA 17120-3033
John H. Eichelberger, Jr.	Bedford, Blair, Fulton, Huntingdon & part of Mifflin	Sen. John H. Eichelberger, Jr. Senate Box 203030 Room: 169 Main Capitol Harrisburg, PA 17120-3030
John R. Gordner	Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Snyder & parts of Dauphin and Luzerne	Sen. John R. Gordner Senate Box 203027 Room: 177 Main Capitol Harrisburg, PA 17120-3027
Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr.	Part of Bucks and Montgomery	Sen. Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr. Senate Box 203010 Room: 187 Main Capitol Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010
Robert M. Tomlinson	Part of Bucks	Sen. Robert M. Tomlinson Senate Box 203006 Room: 281 Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120-3006

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Shirley M. Kitchen	Part of Philadelphia	Sen. Shirley M. Kitchen Senate Box 203003 Room: 463 Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120-3003
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