

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for a system of motor vehicle inspections whereby authorized inspection stations purchase books of inspection certificates with certificates to issue to motor vehicles which pass inspection and for which appropriate fees are received.

New law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), public safety services, subject to an appropriation of funds for such purpose, to develop a system of electronic filing on inspection information and print on demand motor vehicle inspection certificates (system).

New law establishes the following minimum requirements for such system:

- (1) The system shall interface with DPS&C's vehicle registration system and update vehicle records with each inspection.
- (2) The print on-demand feature of the system shall print a new inspection certificate after the station has verified through an electronic interface that the vehicle complies with all inspection requirements and the appropriate fee has been collected.
- (3) The print on-demand inspection certificate shall contain information and security features as necessary to deter unofficial or fraudulent stickers, or to prevent the placement of the certificate on a vehicle other than the vehicle inspected.
- (4) A mechanism for the submission of the state's portion of the inspection fee; such as, electronic funds transfer, making the state's payment processing system available to the station, or other such methods as the department may deem appropriate.

New law requires the following as minimum requirements for any request for proposal for such system:

- (1) The station shall contract with the department's vendor for the acquisition of any hardware, software, or supplies necessary to implement the system, and connect to the system. DPS&C shall approve the form of the contract. Such contract shall be subject to the vendor's contract with the state and shall be governed by the laws of Louisiana.
- (2) The vendor's system shall not retain or capture personal identifying information either from the department's system or from data entered at the inspection station.

New law specifies that two years after implementation of the system the DPS&C may establish a system of administrative fines to be assessed against the registered owner of any vehicle if the vehicle record shows a lapse of a valid inspection sticker for a period of more than 60 days. Specifies that the fines established cannot exceed twice the amount of the fee for the inspection certificate for a particular vehicle.

Existing law requires the office of motor vehicles to distribute motor vehicle inspection stickers to each district office throughout the state and make such stickers available for purchase by certified motor vehicle inspection stations during normal business hours. Requires the stickers to be in convenient book form and be sold in such practical increments as will not present a financial hardship to low volume stations.

New law retains existing law but provides that the office of motor vehicles shall not distribute motor vehicle inspection stickers to each district office in the state or make such stickers available for purchase when the system authorized by new law is implemented.

New law exempts tandem axle trailers from motor vehicle inspection unless they are used in commerce and are subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations.

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(Amends R.S. 32:1305(A) and 1306(E); Adds R.S. 32:1311(G))