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2 Introduced by Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Keefe of Manchester,
3 Noyes of Wolcott, and Troiano of Stannard

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Motor vehicles; conservation and development; air pollution control

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to:

8 (1) exempt cars that are less than four model years of age from motor
9 vehicle safety and emissions inspections and provide for biennial inspections
10 of cars that are four model years of age or older; and

11 (2) provide for biennial safety and emissions inspections of registered
12 trucks and tractors.

13 An act relating to motor vehicle inspections

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1222 is amended to read:

16 § 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES

17 (a)(1) ~~Except for school buses which shall be inspected as prescribed in~~
18 ~~section 1282 of this title and motor buses as defined in subdivision 4(17) of~~
19 ~~this title which shall be inspected twice during the calendar year at six month~~

1 intervals, all motor Motor vehicles registered in this State shall be inspected
2 once each year, except that:

16 (2) Any Except if otherwise provided in subdivision (1) of this
17 subsection, any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer not currently inspected in
18 this State shall be inspected within 15 days ~~from~~ after the date of its
19 registration in the State of Vermont.

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1 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 567 is amended to read:

2 § 567. MOTOR VEHICLE POLLUTION

3 (a) The ~~secretary~~ Secretary in conjunction with the ~~motor vehicle~~
4 ~~department~~ Department of Motor Vehicles may provide rules for the control of
5 emissions from motor vehicles. Such rules may prescribe requirements for the
6 installation and use of equipment designed to reduce or eliminate emissions
7 and for the proper maintenance of the equipment and the vehicles. Rules
8 pursuant to this section shall be consistent with provisions of federal law, if
9 any, relating to control of emissions from the vehicles concerned and shall not
10 require:;

11 (1) as a condition precedent to the initial sale of a vehicle or vehicular
12 equipment, the inspection, certification, or other approval of any feature or
13 equipment designed for the control of emissions from motor vehicles, if the
14 feature or equipment has been certified, approved, or otherwise authorized
15 pursuant to federal law;

16 (2) an emissions inspection of a motor vehicle exempt from safety
17 inspections under 23 V.S.A. § 1222(a)(1)(A); or

18 (3) an emissions inspection of a motor vehicle at a frequency greater
19 than specified for safety inspections under 23 V.S.A. § 1222(a)(1)(B) or (C).

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1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY

2 (a) This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

3 (b) The exemption created in Sec. 1 in 23 V.S.A. § 1222(a)(1)(A) and in
4 Sec. 2 in 10 V.S.A. § 567(a)(2) shall apply to eligible vehicles of model year
5 2015 or more recent model years. The provisions for biennial inspections
6 created in Sec. 1 in 23 V.S.A. § 1222(a)(1)(B) and (C) and in Sec. 2 in
7 10 V.S.A. § 567(a)(3) shall apply to eligible vehicles of any model year.