

HB 2177 -- Motor Vehicle Safety Inspections

Sponsor: Kirkton

This bill requires the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol to issue rules and regulations to computerize the vehicle safety inspection program in order to eliminate unnecessary paperwork; make vehicle safety inspections more efficient, effective, and fair; eliminate the need for inspection stickers on vehicles; and increase consumer protection and safety. The rules and regulations must specify the equipment that official inspection stations must have and what portion, if any, of the inspection fee must be used to cover the cost of computerizing the program.

The bill also increases the fee for each official inspection from an amount not to exceed \$12 to an amount not to exceed \$18 and increases the fee for each certificate of inspection paid to the patrol by official inspection stations from \$1.50 to \$2. Of the \$2 fee collected, \$1.50 instead of the current \$1 must be deposited into the State Highway Fund.