

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 35

PRINTER NO. 130

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 22, 2025

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Langerholc

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 35 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to exempt certain counties from the enhanced vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

This legislation requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), within 60 days of the effective date, to initiate the process of removing Blair, Cambria, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mercer, and Westmoreland counties from the enhanced vehicle inspection and maintenance program. This legislation further requires DEP to initiate the process to remove any other subject county from to the program if the county can maintain emissions standards.

A revised state implementation plan shall be completed and submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency no later than January 1, 2026, and shall convincingly demonstrate that the exempted counties can maintain the relevant standards without benefit of the emissions reductions attributable to the vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program. DEP shall comply with federal law during the process of the revision, including ensuring that the revision will not interfere with attainment requirements or jeopardize federal funding.

Upon approval by the Environmental Protection Agency of the revised implementation plan, the Secretary of Environmental Protection shall transmit notice of the approval to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

This legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of Senate Bill 35 will exempt approximately 1 million vehicles from annual emissions testing requirements in the seven counties enumerated in this legislation. According to a Joint State Government Commission report, the Department of Transportation collects a program management fee for emissions testing of \$1.65 per vehicle, per emissions test. Therefore, fee collections will be reduced by approximately \$1.7 million annually. If DEP removes additional counties from the enhanced vehicle inspection and maintenance program, fee collections will be further reduced based on the number of exempted vehicles.