

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 149

PRINTER NO. 101

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 22, 2025

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Langerholc

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 149 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to provide an exception for late model vehicles from emissions testing for up to five years from the date of manufacture.

This legislation provides for all of the following:

- Provides that a subject vehicle shall be exempt from the requirements for emission inspection for five years after the vehicle is manufactured;
- Requires a one-time certificate of exemption be affixed to the subject vehicle for the entire duration of the exemption;
- Requires the Department of Transportation to periodically notify inspection stations of vehicles exempt from emissions inspection requirements;
- Provides that the exemption shall not apply to the extent that it would result in a loss of federal funding;
- Provides that notice of nonapplicability shall be transmitted by the department to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin;
- Removes the gas cap test requirement for subject vehicles that were manufactured without a gas cap; and
- Mandates the five most recent model year vehicles shall be subject to visual anti-tampering inspections for the presence of emissions control components installed on the vehicle by manufacturers, which may occur during the annual safety inspection.

This legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Department of Transportation, approximately 2.1 million vehicles will qualify for the five-year exemption provided for in this legislation. The department collects \$1.65 per vehicle, per emissions test as a program management fee. Therefore, annual fee collections will be reduced by approximately \$3.4 million. Additionally, the department estimates approximately \$600,000 will be needed to make necessary system changes.