



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 3A - SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM

N.C.G.S. § 20-183.2.

Description of vehicles subject to safety or emissions inspection; definitions.

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- § 20-183.2(a)

Safety. - A motor vehicle is subject to a safety inspection in accordance with this Part if it meets all of the following requirements:

 - (1) It is subject to registration with the Division under Article 3 of this Chapter.
 - (2) It is not subject to inspection under 49 C.F.R. Part 396, the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
 - (3) It is not a trailer whose gross weight is less than 4,000 pounds or a house trailer.
- § 20-183.2(a1)

Safety Inspection Exceptions. - The following vehicles shall not be subject to a safety inspection pursuant to this Article:

 - (1) Historic vehicles, as described in G.S. 20-79.4(b)(94).
 - (2) Buses titled to a local board of education and subject to the school bus inspection requirements specified by the State Board of Education and G.S. 115C-248.
- § 20-183.2(b)

Emissions. - A motor vehicle is subject to an emissions inspection in accordance with this Part if it meets all of the following requirements:

 - (1) It is subject to registration with the Division under Article 3 of this Chapter, except for motor vehicles operated on a federal installation as provided in sub-subdivision e. of subdivision (5) of this subsection.

- (2) It is not a trailer whose gross weight is less than 4,000 pounds, a house trailer, or a motorcycle.
- (3) (Repealed once contingency met - see note) It is (i) a vehicle with a model year within 20 years of the current year and older than the three most recent model years or (ii) a vehicle with a model year within 20 years of the current year and has 70,000 miles or more on its odometer.
- (3a) (Effective once contingency met - see note) It is a vehicle with a model year within 20 years of the current year and earlier than the 2017 model year.
- (4) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-328, s. 3.11, effective July 21, 1999.
- (5) It meets any of the following descriptions:
 - a. It is required to be registered in an emissions county.
 - b. It is part of a fleet that is operated primarily in an emissions county.
 - c. It is offered for rent in an emissions county.
 - d. It is a used vehicle offered for sale by a dealer in an emissions county.
 - e. It is operated on a federal installation located in an emissions county and it is not a tactical military vehicle. Vehicles operated on a federal installation include those that are owned or leased by employees of the installation and are used to commute to the installation and those owned or operated by the federal agency that conducts business at the installation.
 - f. It is otherwise required by 40 C.F.R. Part 51 to be subject to an emissions inspection.
- (6) It is not licensed at the farmer rate under G.S. 20-88(b).
- (7) It is not a new motor vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-286(10)a. and has been a used motor vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-286(10)b., for 12 months or more. However, a motor vehicle that has been leased or rented, or offered for lease or rent, is subject to an emissions inspection when it either:
 - a. Has been leased or rented, or offered for lease or rent, for 12 months or more.
 - b. Is sold to a consumer-purchaser.
- (8) It is not a privately owned, nonfleet motor home or house car, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(27)k., that is built on a single chassis, has a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, and is designed primarily for recreational use.
- (9) It is not a plug-in electric vehicle as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(28b).

(10) It is not a fuel cell electric vehicle as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(12a).

§ 20-183.2(c)

Definitions. - The following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) Electronic inspection authorization. - An inspection authorization that is generated electronically through the electronic accounting system that creates a unique nonduplicating authorization number assigned to the vehicle's inspection receipt upon successful passage of an inspection. The term "electronic inspection authorization" shall include the term "inspection sticker" during the transition period to use of electronic inspection authorizations.
- (2) Emissions county. - A county listed in G.S. 143-215.107A(c) and certified to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as a county in which the implementation of a motor vehicle emissions inspection program will improve ambient air quality.
- (3) Federal installation. - An installation that is owned by, leased to, or otherwise regularly used as the place of business of a federal agency.

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APPARATUS I
33 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1965	c. 734, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1967	c. 692, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1969	c. 179, s. 2	AMENDED
04	1969	cc. 219, 386	AMENDED
05	1973	c. 679, s. 2	AMENDED
06	1975	c. 683	AMENDED
07	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
08	1979	c. 77	AMENDED

09	1989	c. 467	AMENDED
10	1991	c. 394, s. 1	AMENDED
11	1991	c. 761, s. 7	AMENDED
12	1991	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 754, s. 1	AMENDED
13	1995	c. 163, s. 10	AMENDED
14	1997	S.L. 1997-29, s. 12	AMENDED
15	1999	S.L. 1999-328, s. 3.11	AMENDED
16	2000	S.L. 2000-134, ss. 7, 7.1, 9, 11	AMENDED
17	2001	S.L. 2001-504, ss. 4, 5, 6, 10.	AMENDED
18	2004	S.L. 2004-167, s. 10	AMENDED
19	2004	S.L. 2004-199, s. 59	AMENDED
20	2006	S.L. 2006-255, s. 1	AMENDED
21	2007	S.L. 2007-503, s. 2	AMENDED
22	2008	S.L. 2008-172, s. 1	AMENDED
23	2009	S.L. 2009-570, s. 33	AMENDED
24	2011	S.L. 2011-95, s. 3	AMENDED
25	2011	S.L. 2011-206, s. 3	AMENDED
26	2012	S.L. 2012-199, s. 1	AMENDED
27	2012	S.L. 2012-200, s. 12(b)	AMENDED
28	2013	S.L. 2013-410, s. 5	AMENDED
29	2015	S.L. 2015-264, s. 9	AMENDED
30	2017	S.L. 2017-10, s. 3.5(b)	AMENDED
31	2017	S.L. 2017-102, s. 5.2(b)	AMENDED
32	2020	S.L. 2020-73, s. 5	AMENDED
33	2023	S.L. 2023-134, s. 12.7(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
8 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
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G.S. 20-79.4(b)(94)	(a1)(1)	"Historic vehicles, as described in"
G.S. 115C-248	(a1)(2)	"the State Board of Education and"
G.S. 20-88(b)	(b)(6)	"licensed at the farmer rate under"
G.S. 20-286(10)	(b)(7)	"new motor vehicle, as defined in"
G.S. 20-4.01(27)	(b)(8)	"or house car, as defined in"
G.S. 20-4.01(28b)	(b)(9)	"plug-in electric vehicle as defined in"
G.S. 20-4.01(12a)	(b)(10)	"cell electric vehicle as defined in"
G.S. 143-215.107A(c)	(c)(2)	"county. - A county listed in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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