

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2023**

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**HOUSE BILL 456**

Short Title: Repeal Vehicle Emissions Inspection Rqmt's. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Winslow, Arp, B. Jones, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 23, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT MECKLENBURG COUNTY FROM  
3 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING REQUIREMENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-215.107A reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 143-215.107A. Motor vehicle emissions testing and maintenance program.**

7 (a) General Provisions. –

8 (1) G.S. 143-215.107(a)(6) shall be implemented as provided in this section.

9 (2) Motor vehicle emissions inspections shall be performed by a person who holds  
10 an emissions inspection mechanic license issued as provided in  
11 G.S. 20-183.4A(c) at a station that holds an emissions inspection station  
12 license issued under G.S. 20-183.4A(a) or at a place of business that holds an  
13 emissions self-inspector license issued as provided in G.S. 20-183.4A(d).  
14 Motor vehicle emissions inspections may be performed by a decentralized  
15 network of test-and-repair stations as described in 40 Code of Federal  
16 Regulations § 51.353 (1 July 1998 Edition). The Commission may not require  
17 that motor vehicle emissions inspections be performed by a network of  
18 centralized or decentralized test-only stations.

19 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2000-134, s. 2, effective July 14, 2000.

20 (c) Counties Covered. – Motor vehicle emissions inspections shall be performed in ~~the~~  
21 ~~following counties: Alamance, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth,~~  
22 ~~Franklin, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Johnston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Randolph,~~  
23 ~~Rowan, Union, and Wake.~~ Mecklenburg County.

24 (d) Repealed by Session Laws 2012-200, s. 12(a), effective August 1, 2012."

25 **SECTION 2.** No later than December 31, 2023, the Department of Environmental  
26 Quality shall prepare and submit to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for  
27 approval by that agency a proposed North Carolina State Implementation Plan amendment based  
28 on the change to the motor vehicle emissions testing program provided in this act.

29 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective on the later of the following  
30 dates and applies to motor vehicles inspected, or due to be inspected, on or after that effective  
31 date:

32 (1) January 1, 2024.

33 (2) The first day of a month that is 60 days after the Secretary of the Department  
34 of Environmental Quality certifies to the Revisor of Statutes that the United  
35 States Environmental Protection Agency has approved an amendment to the



1 North Carolina State Implementation Plan submitted as required by Section 2  
2 of this act. The Secretary shall provide this notice along with the effective date  
3 of this act on its website and by written or electronic notice to emissions  
4 inspection mechanic license holders, emissions inspection station licensees,  
5 and self-inspector licensees in the county where motor vehicle emissions  
6 inspection requirements are removed by this act.

7 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
8 law.