

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 123**

Short Title: Raise Vehicle Safety Inspection Fee. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

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

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February 21, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO RAISE THE VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION FEE.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-183.7(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) Fee Amount. – When a fee applies to an inspection of a vehicle or the issuance of an  
6 electronic inspection authorization, the fee must be collected. The following fees apply to an  
7 inspection of a vehicle and the issuance of an electronic inspection authorization:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
Safety Only	<del>\$12.75</del> <u>\$19.75</u>	\$.85
Emissions and Safety	23.75	6.25.

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11 The fee for performing an inspection of a vehicle applies when an inspection is performed,  
12 regardless of whether the vehicle passes the inspection. The fee for an electronic inspection  
13 authorization applies when an electronic inspection authorization is issued to a vehicle. The fee  
14 for inspecting after-factory tinted windows shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), and the fee applies only  
15 to an inspection performed with a light meter after a safety inspection mechanic determined that  
16 the window had after-factory tint. A safety inspection mechanic shall not inspect an after-factory  
17 tinted window of a vehicle for which the Division has issued a medical exception permit pursuant  
18 to G.S. 20-127(f).

19 A vehicle that is inspected at an inspection station and fails the inspection is entitled to be  
20 reinspected at the same station at any time within 60 days of the failed inspection without paying  
21 another inspection fee.

22 The inspection fee for an emissions and safety inspection set out in this subsection is the  
23 maximum amount that an inspection station or an inspection mechanic may charge for an  
24 emissions and safety inspection of a vehicle. An inspection station or an inspection mechanic  
25 may charge the maximum amount or any lesser amount for an emissions and safety inspection  
26 of a vehicle. The inspection fee for a safety only inspection set out in this subsection may not be  
27 increased or decreased. The authorization fees set out in this subsection may not be increased or  
28 decreased."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2019.

