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## A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for annual state inspection of motor vehicles; the creation of a traffic safety council with a definition of its scope and powers; the method of testing and the penalty for failure to abide by the provisions of the Act.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. The Department of Public Safety is hereby  
2 authorized to establish and equip such stationary and portable  
3 motor vehicle inspection stations for the inspection of all  
4 safety equipment, brakes, steering, lights, as required by  
5 law, of all motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers reg-  
6 istered in this State, for compliance with this Act. The  
7 said Department shall at least once each six months of each  
8 calendar year, by public announcement, designate places and  
9 periods where each owner of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-  
10 trailers, shall submit all such vehicles for inspection and  
11 obtain for each such vehicle a certificate of inspection and  
12 approval issued by an official inspection station. The certi-  
13 ficate of inspection shall be displayed in a prominent place  
14 on the windshields of vehicles with windshields, and other  
15 vehicles at such places as may be designated by the Department.

1 Section 2. The Department may suspend registration of  
2 any vehicle which has been determined unsafe or does not have  
3 the equipment required by law when examined at an inspection  
4 station, until the vehicle shall have passed the required in-  
5 spection. In the event such vehicle is found to be in an un-  
6 safe condition, or the required equipment is not present or  
7 is not in proper repair and adjustment, the examiner shall  
8 give a written notice to the driver and shall send a copy  
9 thereof to the Department. Said notice shall require that  
10 such vehicle be placed in safe condition and its equipment in  
11 proper repair and adjustment and a certificate of inspection  
12 and approval for such vehicle be obtained within seven (7)  
13 days. Any vehicle not passing the required inspection shall  
14 be marked by a visible sticker bearing the date of rejection  
15 and said rejection sticker shall not be removed from the vehicle  
16 unless and until the vehicle has been placed in safe operat-  
17 ing condition as required by this Act; whereupon, the rejection  
18 sticker shall be removed by an authorized examiner and an appro-  
19 val certificate issued as by this Act.

1 Sec. 3. No person shall display or permit to be display-  
2 ed upon any vehicle any certificate of inspection and approval  
3 knowing the same to be fictitious or issued for another  
4 vehicle or issued without an inspection by an official station  
5 having been made.

1 Sec. 4. Any officer or agent of the Department authorized  
2 to administer or enforce the motor vehicle laws of the State

3 may, upon reasonable cause require the driver of a vehicle to  
4 stop and submit such vehicle and its equipment to an inspec-  
5 tion and such test with reference thereto, as may be appro-  
6 priate. In the event such vehicle is found to be in an unsafe  
7 condition or the required equipment is not present, or is not  
8 in proper repair or adjustment, the officer, shall have the  
9 authority to revoke any certificate of inspection and approval  
10 as may have previously been issued for the said vehicle and  
11 the said vehicle shall not thereafter be operated, except as  
12 provided for in sub-section "2" of this Section, until a  
13 new certificate of inspection and approval shall have been  
14 issued for the said vehicle. No fee for such re-inspection  
15 shall be charged if said vehicle bears certificate of  
16 current issue.

1 Sec. 5. The Department may designate and appoint, sub-  
2 ject to existing laws, competent examiners of motor vehicles  
3 to examine motor vehicles required to be inspected in  
4 accordance with the provisions of this Act and fix their  
5 compensation and terms of service. The Department shall  
6 have the power to make rules and regulations with respect  
7 to the character of the inspections to be made and the ad-  
8 ministration and enforcement of this Act. It shall furnish  
9 to designated examiners, official certificates of approval,  
10 serially numbered; and, shall bear the true date of issuance.

1 Sec. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person employed  
2 by the Department or by any municipality or other political

3 subdivision in any vehicle equipment inspection station, to  
4 directly or indirectly, or in any manner whatsoever, order,  
5 direct, recommend or influence, the correction of vehicle  
6 equipment defects by any person or person whatsoever.

1 Sec. 7. It shall be unlawful for any person employed  
2 by the Department or by any municipality or other political  
3 subdivision while in or about any vehicle equipment inspec-  
4 tion station, to perform any repair or adjustment upon any  
5 vehicle or any equipment or appliance of any vehicle what-  
6 soever.

1 Sec. 8. It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit  
2 in any manner the repair to any vehicle or the adjustment  
3 of any equipment or appliance of any vehicle upon the property  
4 of any vehicle equipment inspection station or upon any public  
5 highway, street or alley adjacent thereto.

1 Sec. 9. Any person who refuses to have his car inspected  
2 or after having had his car inspected, refuses to place  
3 certificate of approval, if issued, upon his windshield or  
4 any person who fraudulently obtains a certificate of approval  
5 or any person who refuses to place his car in proper condition,  
6 after having had said car inspected, or any person who in any  
7 manner fails to conform to the provisions of this Act, shall  
8 be guilty of violating the provisions of this Act and shall  
9 be subject to a fine of not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00)  
10 for the first offense and for the second offense, of not more  
11 than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for not less

12 than thirty days (30) or, both fine and imprisonment.

1     Sec. 10. The Department shall have the power to purchase  
2 or lease or reserve as gift, any property for the purpose of  
3 assisting in the carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

1     Sec. 11. Every designated inspector or inspection  
2 station shall report to the Department on inspections made  
3 and the results thereof and the current registration number  
4 of the motor vehicle inspected, and, if a certificate of in-  
5 spection is issued the number of the same and the date of  
6 issuance. The Department shall furnish to such inspector  
7 and inspection stations, forms for such reports to be filled  
8 in by such inspector and inspection stations.

1     Sec. 12. It shall be lawful for the Department to make  
2 a charge of not to exceed seventy-five (75) cents for each  
3 vehicle inspected and any monies paid for such examination  
4 to the examiner, shall be forwarded forthwith to the Depart-  
5 ment. Only one such fee shall be charged for each semi-  
6 annual inspection. No charge, however, shall be made for  
7 vehicles owned and operated by the state of Iowa, by any  
8 municipality of this State, or for vehicles owned and op-  
9 erated by the United States Government.

1     Sec. 13. No certificate of inspection shall be issued  
2 by any inspector or inspection station, until the brakes,  
3 steering, lights, and equipment of the vehicle inspected  
4 shall have been found to be in a proper and safe condition  
5 and shall comply with the laws of this state.

1     Sec. 14. The Department shall be authorized to use any  
2 funds obtained as fees from such inspection for the establish-  
3 ment of stations and equipment that may be necessary to  
4 assist the Department in carrying out the provisions of  
5 this Act. Any monies that may remain after all expenses  
6 are paid, shall be turned over to the State Treasurer, for  
7 deposit in the General Fund of the state. After July 1, 1949,  
8 funds for the administration of the provisions of this Act  
9 shall be provided by appropriation by the General Assembly.