

HOUSE No. 5907

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 16, 1972.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill establishing a system of staggered inspections for motor vehicles (House, No. 1935), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5907).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF STAGGERED INSPECTIONS FOR
MOTOR VEHICLES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 7A, as most recently amended
3 by section 1 of chapter 1032 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section: —
5 *Section 7A.* The registrar shall include, in the rules and
6 regulations prepared by him under section thirty-one, rules and
7 regulations providing for the semiannual inspection during
8 four-week periods of all motor vehicles and trailers on a staggered
9 basis related to the periods of their respective registrations as
10 effective under the provisions of section two of chapter ninety,
11 for the purpose of determining whether they are provided with
12 the following equipment maintained in good order, to wit: —
13 brakes, stop lights, lights, horn, exhaust system, steering gear,
14 windshield, windshield cleaner, number plates, rear windows,
15 tires, fenders, bumpers, external sheet metal, reflectors, splash
16 guards and chock blocks, pollution control systems or devices,
17 rules and regulations providing for the periodic inspection of all
18 motor vehicles and for the purpose of determining whether they
19 are in compliance with motor vehicle air pollution control
20 regulations which are adopted under the provisions of chapter
21 one hundred and eleven and which are consistent with applicable
22 federal laws, and also rules and regulations providing for the
23 periodic quarter-annual inspection of school buses and of buses
24 operated under a certificate, license or permit issued in
25 accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and
26 fifty-nine A which are used for the transportation of school
27 children to and from school and in connection with school
28 activities other than such buses used simultaneously as public
29 common carriers of passengers or designed primarily for mass

30 transportation, on a staggered basis related to the periods of their
31 respective registrations as effective under the provisions of
32 section two of chapter ninety. Such inspection shall include the
33 examination of the vehicle identification numbers. Such inspec-
34 tions of buses shall be in addition to the semiannual periodic
35 inspections provided for in this section. He may make rules and
36 regulations providing for the inspection of motor vehicles and
37 trailers which are registered between one inspection period and
38 the next ensuing inspection period. Such rules and regulations
39 may provide for the issuance of a windshield sticker, so called, to
40 the owner or person in control of every motor vehicle so
41 inspected and found to be properly equipped and for the display
42 of such sticker on the windshield of each vehicle so inspected and
43 found to be property equipped.

1 SECTION 2. The registrar of motor vehicles may issue such
2 rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to accomplish the
3 transition from April first to May fifteenth and from September
4 first to October fifteenth inspections to the staggered system of
5 inspections provided for in this act.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January second,
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the various branches of industry and commerce. It is followed by a detailed account of the operations of the different departments of the Government, and a summary of the public accounts for the year. The report concludes with a statement of the resources and prospects of the country, and a list of the principal officers of the Government.