

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 7190

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 29, 1981.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to extending the effective date of the vehicle emissions and safety program (House, No. 7159), reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 7190) ought to pass [Representative Goyette of New Bedford dissenting].

For the committee,

THOMAS P. WHITE.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

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**AN ACT EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE COMBINED SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM 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. Section 7X of Chapter 90 of the General Laws as  
2 inserted by Section 4 of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1979 is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the word "reinspection" and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following words:— verifying the accuracy of  
5 inspections performed by licensed inspection stations.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1979 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words:— "January  
3 first, nineteen hundred and eighty-two" and inserting in place  
4 thereof the words:— April first, nineteen hundred and eighty-  
5 three.

1 SECTION 3. Section 8 of Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1979 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words:— "January  
3 first, nineteen hundred and eighty-two" and inserting in place  
4 thereof the words:— April first, nineteen hundred and eighty-  
5 three.

1 SECTION 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Envi-  
2 ronmental Quality Engineering shall issue a status report to the  
3 General Court by no later than February 1, 1982 on the inspection  
4 and maintenance program established by Chapter 761 of the Acts  
5 of 1979. Such report shall be based on data and documentation  
6 received, reviewed and analyzed during the intervening period  
7 between the enactment of this act and February 1, 1982. If such

8 data and documentation suggest that the inspection and mainte-  
9 nance provisions of chapter 761 of the Acts of 1979 and other  
10 considerations including, but not limited to, technical concerns,  
11 raise sufficient doubts as to the ability of said inspection and  
12 maintenance program to realize significant emissions reductions,  
13 or demonstrate that said program is unnecessary as an air control  
14 strategy, said Commissioner shall in his best judgement recom-  
15 mend appropriate changes to Chapter 761 of the Acts of 1979 and  
16 any amendments thereto.

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