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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
147th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1           Section 1. Amend §2143(a), Title 21 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2     insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3     § 2143. Inspection of motor vehicle before registration; exception; vehicles outside State.

4           (a) Before the Department registers, renews the registration of or reregisters a motor vehicle required to be  
5     registered under this title, such vehicle shall first be inspected by the Department and determined to be safe and fit for  
6     operation and found equipped according to law. The Department may waive all inspection requirements with respect to the  
7     registration of new motor vehicles and the initial registration or renewal of vehicles no older than 5 model years. Upon  
8     application, subject to approval by the Secretary, the Department may assign to a ~~new~~ motor vehicle dealer the authority to  
9     perform safety and vehicle identification number (VIN) inspections on motor vehicles, 5 model years old or newer, as such  
10    inspections relate to the motor vehicle's registration or re-registration, provided that the motor vehicle is owned by that ~~new~~  
11    motor vehicle dealer and such inspection occurs at a ~~new~~ motor vehicle dealer facility.

SYNOPSIS

New motor vehicle dealers have been performing safety and VIN verifications on vehicles 5 model years old or newer since 2011. This legislation would allow any licensed dealer approved by the department to perform VIN verifications. This authorization does not relate to emissions inspections, which are not currently required for models 5 years old or newer. Emissions testing is done by the State of Delaware. This Act would allow, by a reduction in volume, increased customer service and provide shorter wait times for others at designated inspection locations.