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NOTICE OF FINAL FILING - LEGISLATIVE RULE

LEGISLATIVE RULE:

Federal Safety Standards Inspection Program

The attached legislative rule is hereby filed by the Department of Motor Vehicles as authorized by Enrolled Senate Bill 748, 64-2-17a(2)(9)(e)

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Title:

Federal Safety Standards Inspection Program

#### Section 1. General

- 1.1 Scope These legislative rules set forth the procedures for the inspection and issuance of a certificate of inspection and approval prior to the initial application for the titling and registration of a motor vehicle not manufactured in accordance with the United States Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.
- 1.2 Authority W. Va. Code \$17A-2-9 related to W. Va. Code \$17A-3A-1 et. seq.
  - 1.3 Filing Date June 12, 1987
  - 1.4 Effective Date June 12, 1987

#### Section 2. Application and Enforcement

- 2.1 Application These rules apply to applicants for approval as an inspection station for compliance with federal safety standards and applicants for title and registration of motor vehicles not manufacturered in accordance with United States Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.
- 2.2 Enforcement Enforcement of these rules is vested with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or lawful designee.

#### Section 3. Inspection Station Appointment

- 3.1 Commissioner's Inspection The Commissioner shall select and designate inspection stations to conduct, prior to issuance of title and registration, inspections of motor vehicles not manufactured in accordance with federal safety standards.
- 3.2 Criteria for Appointment To be considered for appointment as a Federal Safety Standards Inspection Station an inspection station shall submit the following:
- 3.2.1 A copy of the applicant's valid certificate of appointment as an Official Inspection Station issued by the Superintendent of Public Safety, and
- 3.2.2 A notarized affidavit of the owner of the inspection station that the station has the personnel necessary to ascertain compliance with Federal Safety Standards.

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- 3.3 Inspection Station Approval The Commissioner shall issue each appointed inspection station a certificate of appointment. Such certificate shall be posted under glass in close proximity to the Certificate of Appointment as an Official Inspection Station.
- 3.4 Approval Withdrawal ~ The Commissioner may withdraw an inspection station's designation upon receipt of evidence that the station does not have the equipment or personnel necessary to ascertain compliance with Federal Safety Standards, or is operating contrary to the public interest.
- 3.5 Inspection The Commissioner reserves the right to inspect any designated inspection station for compliance with W. Va. Code \$17A-3A-1 et. seq., and these rules.

#### Section 4. Vehicle Compliance Inspection

- 4.1 Inspection Fee The fee for inspecting a vehicle for compliance with Federal Safety Standards shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) in accordance with W. Va. Code §17A-3A-1(b).
- 4.2 Inspection Standards Each vehicle shall be inspected for compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as fully set forth in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 571.
- 4.3 Inspection Checklist Compliance with each Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard shall be noted on the form prescribed by the Commissioner.
- 4.4 Issuance of Certificate of Inspection and Approval Upon completion of the inspection and a finding that the vehicle appears to comply with all Federal Safety Standards noted on the inspection checklist, the inspection station inspector shall complete the certificate of inspection and approval by signing the certificate, and indicating the date and inspection station location.
- 4.5 Completed Certificate The completed checklist and attached certificate of inspection and approval shall be given to the vehicle owner. The inspection station shall retain one copy for its records.
- 4.6 Disclaimer Pursuant to the provisions of W. Va. Code §17A-3A-1(b)(1), the inspection and certification performed in accordance with these rules may not be construed as state approval of the modifications performed to bring the vehicle into compliance with Federal Standards, or as a state certification that the vehicle is free of hazardous conditions.
- 4.6 Approval Not Granted In accordance with the provisions of W. Va. Code §17A-3A-1(b)(2), the inspection fee prescribed by Section 4.1 of these rules shall be submitted to the inspection station prior to each inspection.

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#### Section 5. Severability

In the event any portion of these rules shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of these rules.

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- 10 A .. BILL to amend and reenact section seventeen-a(two)(nine),
- 11 article two, chapter sixty-four of the code of West Virginia,
- one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to
- authorizing the commissioner of motor vehicles to promulgate
- legislative\_rules relating to a federal safety standards
- 15 inspection program.

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- 16 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
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- 20 as follows:
- 21 ARTICLE 2. EXECUTIVE AGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO PROMULGATE
- 22 LEGISLATIVE RULES.
- 23 \$64-2-17a(2)(9). Commissioner of motor vehicles.
- 24 (a) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
- 25 second day of December, one thousand nine hundred eighty-two,
- 26 relating to the commissioner of motor vehicles (denial of driving
- 27 privileges), are authorized with the amendments set forth below:

By inserting the words "licensed in the United States" after

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- 2 the phrase "physician of the applicant's choice," on page five,
- 3 line two, and page seven, line one; and by striking out the words
- 4 "licensed vision specialist" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 5 words "an optometrist or opthalmologist licensed in the United
- 6 States, " on page five, line three, and on page seven, line two.
- 7 These rules were proposed by the commissioner pursuant to
- 8 section nine, article two, chapter seventeen-a and section six,
- 9 article three-c, chapter seventeen-b of this code.
- 10 (b) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
- 11 twentieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four,
- 12 relating to the commissioner of motor vehicles (titling a
- 13 vehicle) are authorized.
- 14 (c) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
- 15 fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five,
- 16 modified by the the commissioner of motor vehicles to meet the
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- 21 suspension or revocation of driving privileges) are authorized.
- 22 (d) The legislative rules filed in the state register on the
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5 NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the 6 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to promulgate legislative rules 7 relating to a Federal Safety Standards Inspection Program which 8 is aimed at making certain that cars manufactured abroad meet 9 federal standards.

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