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HOUSE BILL 169
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/18/15

Short Title: Limit Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspections.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT COUNTIES IN WHICH MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS
3 INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-215.107A reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 143-215.107A. Motor vehicle emissions testing and maintenance program.**

7 (a) General Provisions. –

8 (1) G.S. 143-215.107(a)(6) shall be implemented as provided in this section.

9 (2) Motor vehicle emissions inspections shall be performed by a person who
10 holds an emissions inspection mechanic license issued as provided in
11 G.S. 20-183.4A(c) at a station that holds an emissions inspection station
12 license issued under G.S. 20-183.4A(a) or at a place of business that holds
13 an emissions self-inspector license issued as provided in G.S. 20-183.4A(d).
14 Motor vehicle emissions inspections may be performed by a decentralized
15 network of test-and-repair stations as described in 40 Code of Federal
16 Regulations § 51.353 (1 July 1998 Edition). The Commission may not
17 require that motor vehicle emissions inspections be performed by a network
18 of centralized or decentralized test-only stations.

19 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 2000-134, s. 2, effective July 14, 2000.

20 (c) Counties Covered. – Motor vehicle emissions inspections shall be performed in the
21 following counties: Alamance, Buncombe, ~~Burke~~, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Chatham,
22 Cleveland, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, ~~Granville~~,
23 Guilford, Harnett, ~~Haywood~~, Henderson, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Mecklenburg,
24 Moore, Nash, Orange, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, ~~Rutherford~~, Stanly,
25 Stokes, ~~Surry~~, Union, Wake, Wayne, ~~Wilkes~~ and Wilson."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective on the later of the following dates and
27 applies to motor vehicles inspected, or due to be inspected, on or after the effective date of this
28 act:

29 (1) January 1, 2016.

30 (2) The first day of a month that is 30 days after the Department of Environment
31 and Natural Resources certifies to the Revisor of Statutes that the United
32 States Environmental Protection Agency has approved the amendment to the
33 North Carolina State Implementation Plan based on the change to the motor
34 vehicle emissions testing program provided in this act.

