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HOUSE BILL 309

Short Title: Inspection of Low-Speed Vehicles. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Iler.

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 9, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT MODIFYING THE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOW-SPEED
3 VEHICLES AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADOPT RULES ADDRESSING THE
5 INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-121.1 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 20-121.1. Operation of a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle on**
9 **certain roadways.**

10 The operation of a low-speed vehicle, mini-truck, or modified utility vehicle is authorized
11 with the following restrictions:

12 ...

13 (5) Low-speed vehicles must comply with the safety standards in 49 C.F.R. §
14 571.500. A low-speed vehicle shall undergo an annual inspection conducted
15 by a person licensed by the Division to ensure it meets the safety requirements
16 of this Article. The inspection required by this subdivision may be conducted
17 at a mobile inspection station. For purposes of this subdivision, a mobile
18 inspection station is an inspection site temporarily set up at a location where
19 there is no existing inspection station.

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21 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-183.2 reads as rewritten:

22 "**§ 20-183.2. Description of vehicles subject to safety or emissions inspection; definitions.**

23 (a) Safety. – A motor vehicle is subject to a safety inspection in accordance with this Part
24 if it meets all of the following requirements:

25 ...

26 (4) It is not a low-speed vehicle.

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28 **SECTION 3.** The Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Transportation
29 shall adopt rules for the inspection of low-speed vehicles and the licensure of low-speed vehicle
30 inspectors, including rules governing the use of mobile inspection stations by licensed inspectors.

31 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective July 1, 2024, and apply
32 to low-speed vehicles inspected on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective when
33 it becomes law.



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