

By Senator Lee

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicle inspections;  
3           amending s. 325.203, F.S.; changing the  
4           effective date of an exemption of new vehicles  
5           from inspection; extending the time new  
6           vehicles may be exempt; providing an effective  
7           date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 325.203, Florida  
12   Statutes, is amended to read:

13           325.203 Motor vehicles subject to annual inspection;  
14   exemptions.--

15           (4) The following motor vehicles are not subject to  
16   inspection:

17           (a) Motor vehicles that have a registered vehicle  
18   weight greater than 10,000 pounds.

19           (b) Motor vehicles which are designated as model years  
20   1974 or older.

21           (c) Golf carts, as defined in s. 320.01.

22           (d) Farm vehicles, as defined in s. 320.51.

23           (e) Motor vehicles on which are displayed a dealer  
24   license plate authorized in s. 320.13(1)(a).

25           (f) Motorcycles, as defined in s. 320.01.

26           (g) Mopeds, as defined in s. 320.01.

27           (h) Propane-powered vehicles.

28           (i) Natural-gas-powered vehicles.

29           (j) Any vehicle which is exempted by rule of the  
30   Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles upon  
31   determination by the Department of Environmental Protection

1 that the vehicle does not significantly contribute to air  
2 pollution.

3 (k) New motor vehicles, as defined in s. 319.001(4).  
4 Such vehicles are exempt from the inspection requirements of  
5 this act at the time of the first registration by the original  
6 owner and, thereafter, are subject to the inspection  
7 requirements of this act. Beginning July 1, 1999, ~~May 1, 2000~~,  
8 such vehicles are exempt from those inspection requirements  
9 for a period of 3 ~~2~~ years from the date of purchase.

10 (l) New motor vehicles as defined in s. 319.001(4)  
11 which are utilized as short-term rental vehicles and licensed  
12 under s. 320.08(6)(a). Such vehicles are exempt from the  
13 inspection requirements of this act at the time of the first  
14 registration. Said vehicles are also exempt from the  
15 inspection requirements of this act at the time of the first  
16 registration renewal by the original owner, provided this  
17 renewal occurs prior to the expiration of 12 months from the  
18 date of first registration of the motor vehicle. Beginning  
19 July 1, 1999, ~~May 1, 2000~~, such vehicles are exempt from those  
20 inspection requirements for a period of 3 ~~2~~ years from the  
21 date of purchase.

22 (m) Recreational vehicles as defined in s. 320.08(9).

23 (n) Electric vehicles.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
25 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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Revises the timeframes that apply to exemptions from  
inspections of new motor vehicles.

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