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§ 3108. Safety Inspection Stations: Regulations.

Within 90 days after the enactment of this legislation, the Chief of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall adopt such regulations and publish such regulations as are necessary to establish, regulate, and administer duly licensed safety inspection stations. As a minimum such regulations shall include:

(a) Every person required to have a license under this division shall make application to the Director of Commerce and Labor.

(b) Every application for a license for a safety inspection shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable license fee in the sum of \$50 payable to the Commonwealth Treasury.

(c) All licenses shall be effective on a calendar year basis. License fees for a new inspection station commencing business after January 1st shall be prorated by the month for the balance of the licensing period.

(d) The Director of Commerce and Labor will issue a business license for the operation of a safety inspection station after receiving a notice from the Chief of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles that such applicant has complied with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section.

(e) The chief shall establish testing standards and examination procedures to test each applicant for his knowledge of vehicle safety requirements as set forth by regulations promulgated by the bureau and that an applicant possesses the required equipment to conduct safety inspections.

(f) Each safety inspection station operator must supply to the Chief of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on forms provided and prepared by the bureau a record of certification of each vehicle inspected by said operator within 10 days after the date of the completed inspection.

(g) A license issued under this division shall not be transferred from one licensee to another, nor from one location to another.

(h) The placement of the sticker shall only be performed by an employee of the bureau upon presentation of documentation of satisfactory completion of a safety inspection.

(i) The chief shall establish and publish a fee schedule for performing safety inspections by the safety inspection station upon the following guidelines: A \$1 fee shall be charged for inspection of bicycles; \$2.50 for two-wheeled and three-wheeled vehicles and four-wheeled Quad runners such as mopeds, motorcycles and three- or four-wheeler minibikes; \$5 for four-wheeled vehicles such as jeep, pick-up and sedan; and higher fees, not to exceed \$30, shall be charged for all other vehicles. These fees shall be the operator's sole compensation for conducting the vehicle safety inspection. These fees shall not preclude additional charges that may be mutually agreed to for repairs or corrective action necessitated by the safety inspection.

(j) The safety inspection station shall provide a written cost estimate for repairs or corrective actions required for the vehicle to pass the vehicle safety inspection prior to any work being performed by the safety inspection station.

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(k) The inspection station operator shall keep records of each inspection on forms approved by the bureau. These records shall be subject to inspection by the bureau at any time without notice and must be preserved by the operator for a period of two years from the date of inspection in the event the bureau desires to inspect such records.

(l) The certification of satisfactory completion of a vehicle safety inspection shall be valid for a period of 30 days. Failure to present the certificate to an authorized bureau employee within the 30 day period shall render the inspection void and a new inspection shall be required.

(m) Until a safety inspection station is licensed on the islands of Rota and Tinian, the Department of Public Safety shall perform the duties of the safety inspection station as required by this act.

Source: PL 5-22, § 6.

Commission Comment: With respect to the references to the “Director of Commerce and Labor,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.