

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Enrolled

Senate Bill 94

BY SENATOR WALTERS

[Passed March 8, 2016; in effect 90 days from passage]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §17C-16-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to designating Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police as current
3 administrator and enforcer of motor vehicle inspection program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §17C-16-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 16. INSPECTION OF VEHICLES.

**§17C-16-4. Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police to require periodical
inspection; acceptance of certificate of inspection from another state;
suspension of registration of unsafe vehicles.**

1 (a) The Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police shall once each year require that
2 every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer registered in this state be inspected and
3 that an official certificate of inspection and approval be obtained for each vehicle.

4 The inspections shall be made and the certificates obtained with respect to the
5 mechanism, brakes and equipment of every vehicle designated by the Superintendent.

6 The Superintendent may make necessary rules for the administration and enforcement of
7 this section and may designate any period or periods during which owners of any vehicles, subject
8 to this section, shall display upon the vehicles certificates of inspection and approval or shall
9 produce the certificates upon demand of any officer or employee of the State Police designated
10 by the Superintendent or any police or peace officer when authorized by the Superintendent.

11 (b) The superintendent may authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of
12 inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar to this chapter
13 and may extend the time within which the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state
14 during the time an inspection was required must obtain a certificate.

15 (c) At the request of the Superintendent, the Commissioner of the Division of Motor
16 Vehicles may suspend the registration of any vehicle which the Superintendent determines is in

17 such an unsafe condition that it constitutes a menace to safety or which after notice and demand
18 is not equipped as required in this chapter or for which the vehicle's owner has not obtained the
19 required certificate.

20 (d) If requested by the owner of the vehicle, the Superintendent shall also cause to be
21 inspected a Class A farm use motor vehicle exempt from annual registration certificate and
22 licensing as provided in section two, article three, chapter seventeen-a of this code. If the Class
23 A farm use motor vehicle passes the inspection, the Superintendent shall cause a certificate of
24 inspection to be issued for that vehicle.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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