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November 2019 Update on Emissions Inspection Exemption Bill.

A slate of bills passed the Pennsylvania State Senate that could bring sweeping changes to vehicle emissions test requirements in Pennsylvania:

Bill 742 - exempts vehicles less than 8 years old from emission testing requirements. It passed 26-24.

- **Bill 743** - requires emissions tests every two years, instead of annually. It passed 27-23.
- **Bill 744** - exempts Blair, Cambria, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mercer and Westmoreland counties from the testing requirements. It passed 27-23.
- **Bill 745** - changes testing standards for a few types of vehicles for which existing testing equipment is obsolete. It passed 27-23.
- **Bill 746** - extends the deadlines for mechanics' shops to buy new emissions testing equipment from 2019 to 2021. It passed 33-17.

These bills will now go to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for consideration. ASA-PA reached out and asked everyone to contact your Pennsylvania Senator and opposed Senate the bills. As you can see by the final votes that our voices were heard, and we got close to defeating the bills in the Senate. We are asking for your help again.

We were updated early last week that there was a proposal plan to commission a study of Pennsylvania emissions program. The lobbyist thought this would delay the emission bills.

11/8/2019 3:16 PM Email from lobbyist: Guys. Just found out that the proposed plan to commission a study of the emissions bills in the transportation committee was rejected. This just happened and was a surprise to our lobbyist. Advice is to ratchet up the contact from industry to legislators particularly those on transportation committee. Please push your members to make contact and explain their viewpoint with regard to emissions testing bills. Thank you.

ASA-PA and ESP and the lobbyist and are again working on a strategy. To better assist us in preparing for this effort, we need everyone to identify their local Representative in the Pennsylvania House. Communicate your concerns to them. See attached Talking points.

Pennsylvania lawmakers need to review these bills and consider their impact on small business owners and stakeholders. Lawmakers need to better understand the strength of our Emission Inspection and Maintenance program.

Below are resources for you to identify and contact your representatives. Find your PA House of Representative here: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/index.cfm> or Google: "Find Your Legislator Pa"

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ASA-PA is asking repair providers Parts Suppliers and vehicle owners to phone their PA State Representative to oppose Emission Exemption Bills 742, 744, 745, and 746; aimed at modifying Pennsylvania's Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program.

Please forward this Alert to your colleagues. Urge them to join ASA-PA, and your Parts Suppliers in opposing these regressive Emission Exemption Bills. Thank you for your assistance.