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To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2517

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 77-7-345, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CREATE BY  
3 RULE A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM OF LOGGING VEHICLE INSPECTION; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
7 77-7-345, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 77-7-345. (1) When not otherwise specifically provided, the  
9 commissioner is authorized to make and promulgate reasonable rules  
10 and regulations to provide a voluntary program of inspection of  
11 logging transportation vehicles.

12 (2) The regulations, if promulgated, will:

13 (a) Create a voluntary program of inspection for any  
14 combination of truck, truck tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or pole  
15 trailer, including each segment of a combined vehicle, that is  
16 used upon the highways or streets in the transportation of  
17 harvested timber;

18 (b) Require that inspectors have access to the vehicle  
19 maintenance log;



20 (c) Prescribe a method of documentation to be displayed  
21 on the vehicle that is readily visible to an observer in the form  
22 of a decal or sticker, and require that the form of documentation  
23 prescribed must be kept on the vehicle;

24 (d) Require that inspection occur on an annual basis;

25 (e) Provide that inspection is not mandatory;

26 (f) Impose a reasonable inspection fee; and

27 (g) Specify that officers of the Commercial  
28 Transportation Enforcement Division will retain all responsibility  
29 and authority to monitor and enforce violations under Section  
30 77-7-335.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
32 and after July 1, 2022.

