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To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2517  
(As Sent to Governor)

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 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION;  
4 AND FOR 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 of Public Safety is authorized to make and promulgate  
10 reasonable rules and regulations to provide a voluntary program  
11 for inspection of commercial motor vehicles.

12 (2) For the purposes of this section, "commercial motor  
13 vehicle" has the meaning ascribed in Section 63-1-203.

14 (3) The regulations, if promulgated, will:

15 (a) Create a voluntary program for inspection of any  
16 combination of truck, truck tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or pole  
17 trailer, including each segment of a combined vehicle, that is  
18 used upon the highways or streets as a commercial motor vehicle



19 for compliance with all applicable federal and state motor carrier  
20 safety regulations;

21 (b) Require that inspectors have access to the vehicle  
22 maintenance log;

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

27 (d) Require that inspection occur on an annual basis  
28 for participation in the program;

29 (e) Provide that inspection is not mandatory;

30 (f) Impose a reasonable inspection fee, which shall be  
31 deposited to the credit of the operating fund of the Commercial  
32 Transportation Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Department  
33 of Public Safety; and

34 (g) Specify that officers of the Commercial  
35 Transportation Enforcement Division will retain all responsibility  
36 and authority to monitor and enforce violations under Section  
37 77-7-335.

38 (4) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

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

