



**ATTENTION: Official Inspection Stations, Quality Assurance Officers,
and Pennsylvania State Police**

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Safety Inspector Recertification Update

The Honorable Governor Tom Wolf signed into law Act 165 of 2016. The changes listed below are a result of Act 165. Please note the multiple effective dates.

Effective January 3, 2017

REMOVAL OF SAFETY INSPECTOR RECERTIFICATION EXEMPTION

Effective January 3, 2017, Section 4702.1(b) of the Vehicle Code, which currently exempts pre-1983 certified inspection mechanics from the recertification process, is removed. All safety inspectors will be required to participate in the safety recertification process and take a safety recertification exam prior to expiration of their credentials.

INSPECTOR APPEALS IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Effective January 3, 2017, Section 4724 of the Vehicle Code, is amended to allow the suspension appeals for both mechanics and stations to be heard in the courts of common pleas (county court).

INCLUSION OF MONETARY PENALTIES

Effective January 3, 2017, Sections 4724, Suspension of Certificates of Appointment and 4726, Certification of Mechanics, of the Vehicle Code, will allow for the Department, at its discretion, to issue monetary penalties to a station or mechanic, in addition to warnings or suspensions. These monetary penalties will become effective upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin until regulations are promulgated.

Effective February 2, 2017

REMOVAL OF SEMIANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF HEAVY TRUCKS

Effective February 2, 2017, Section 4702(b)(7) of the Vehicle Code, Requirement for Periodic Inspection of Vehicles is amended. Motor carrier vehicles with a registered gross weight in excess of 17,000 pounds, other than farm vehicles for which a biennial certificate of exemption has been issued, will now be inspected on an **annual basis**, instead of semiannually.

SAFETY INSPECTOR RECERTIFICATION REMINDER

A safety inspector who has failed the safety inspector recertification three (3) times, and whose credential has not expired, is required to retake the initial safety certification course at an approved Safety School, in order to be certified as a safety inspector. The certification course will consist of the classroom portion (theory) of the certification course. The tactile and tool portion of the course is not required to be retaken.

A safety inspector whose credentials have expired and has not taken the safety inspector recertification is required to retake the initial certification course at an approved safety school in order to be certified as a safety inspector. The certification course will consist of the classroom (theory), tool, and tactile tests.

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