

**ATTENTION: ALL OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATIONS  
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICERS AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**

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SAFETY INSPECTION BULLETIN

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**MOTORCYCLE HANDLEBARS**

Act 152 of 2003, repealed Section 3524 (b) of the Vehicle Code and subsequently eliminated the requirement that “No person shall operate any motorcycle with handlebars above shoulder-height of the operator while properly seated upon the motorcycle.” As a result, vehicles with handlebars above shoulder-height may be legally operated and inspected in Pennsylvania. Inspection stations should disregard the requirements found in the equipment standards and inspection regulations found in Sections 175.143 (d) and 175.160 (c)(2)(ii) of Subchapter H, and Sections 175.172 (c) and 175.190 (c)(2)(i) of Subchapter J.

**INSPECTION EXPIRATION CHARTS**

In an effort to reduce costs, we will no longer mail inspection expiration charts to all stations on an annual basis. Instead, we will now post inspection expiration charts on PennDOT’s website at <http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/inspections/index.shtml>. Click on the Safety Inspections link, then Safety Inspection Bulletins. You will find recent bulletins as well as the expiration charts for the current year.

If you do not have access to the internet, or if you would like a copy of the expiration charts mailed or faxed to you, please contact your local Quality Assurance Officer or the Vehicle Inspection Division at (717) 787-2895.

**EXPIRATIONS ON THE BACK OF INSPECTION STICKERS**

As you know, inspection stickers now have a larger area for you to write the month and year the new inspection sticker will expire. Properly completing the expiration so that it is clearly visible to the operator is a valuable tool in assuring that the required inspections are completed on time. To enhance the use of this added space and to make the expiration more conspicuous to your customers, we ask that you use a permanent marker when completing the expiration block on the back of the inspection sticker.

Kurt J. Myers, Director  
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