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HOUSE BILL DRH30156-MW-55

Short Title: Emissions/Exempt Lincoln County. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Saine.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE LINCOLN COUNTY FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS  
3 INSPECTION PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-215.107A(c) reads as rewritten:

6 "(c) Counties Covered. – Motor vehicle emissions inspections shall be performed in the  
7 following counties: Alamance, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth,  
8 Franklin, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, ~~Lincoln~~, Mecklenburg, New Hanover,  
9 Onslow, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Union, and Wake."

10 **SECTION 2.** No later than December 31, 2021, the Department of Environmental  
11 Quality shall prepare and submit to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for  
12 approval by that agency a proposed North Carolina State Implementation Plan amendment based  
13 on the change to the motor vehicle emissions testing program provided in this act.

14 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective on the later of the following  
15 dates and applies to motor vehicles inspected, or due to be inspected, on or after that effective  
16 date:

- 17 (1) January 1, 2022.  
18 (2) The first day of a month that is 60 days after the Secretary of the Department  
19 of Environmental Quality certifies to the Revisor of Statutes that the United  
20 States Environmental Protection Agency has approved an amendment to the  
21 North Carolina State Implementation Plan submitted as required by Section 2  
22 of this act. The Secretary shall provide this notice along with the effective date  
23 of this act on its website and by written or electronic notice to emissions  
24 inspection mechanic license holders, emissions inspection station licensees,  
25 and self-inspector licensees in the county where motor vehicle emissions  
26 inspection requirements are removed by this act.

