

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE  
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT  
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

**BILL NUMBER:** S9436

**SPONSOR:** COONEY

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act directing the commissioner of motor vehicles to conduct a study of official inspection stations, safety inspections and fees

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:**

Requires the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles to conduct a study on the appropriate fees and subjects of the annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

Section 1: Directs the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") to conduct a study on updating the standards and fees for the annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection in NY. The DMV shall include representatives of the State's inspection stations, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other relevant vehicle safety organizations.

Section 2: Gives the DMV 1-year after becoming law to complete the study. The DMV must submit the report to the Assembly and Senate.

Section 3: Establishes the effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

New York State requires motor vehicles to undergo an annual safety and emissions inspection to ensure the vehicle is safe and not excessively polluting the environment. The fees for inspection range between \$6 and \$27 depending on the vehicle. These fees have not changed in over a decade and led to concerns from inspection stations that it is not in-line with their current costs. Additionally, as motor vehicles become more sophisticated there may be a need to reevaluate the items that are required in such inspections to ensure safety and reduce emissions.-This study will help the DMV to evaluate what fee levels are appropriate and if changes are needed to the inspection list.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

New Bill.

To be determined.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

30 days after it becomes law.