STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 20, 2026

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the safety and emissions inspections of new motor vehicles

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 301 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 429 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner shall require that every motor vehicle registered in this state be inspected once each year for safety, and at least biennially for emissions as provided for pursuant to paragraph two of subdivision (d) of this section, and in accordance with the provisions of this article, [~~and~~] **except** that [~~every~~] **a new motor vehicle sold or transferred for use on the public highways of the state by a dealer registered under section four hundred and fifteen of this chapter which is inspected and registered by the dealer upon sale or transfer as provided for herein shall not be required to obtain a safety or emissions inspection until the third year after such initial inspection by the dealer. Every** motor vehicle sold or transferred for use on the public highways of this state by a dealer registered under section four hundred fifteen of this chapter to any person other than another such registered dealer or transferred for no remuneration by such a registered dealer to any person other than to a welfare to work program authorized by the New York state department of labor, a private industry council, a county or a social services district for the sole use of public assistance recipients or applicants participating in the welfare to work program to which such vehicle is transferred must be inspected and bear a valid certificate or certificates of inspection prior to delivery to the purchaser or transferee. Provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be deemed to exempt any motor vehicle so transferred to a welfare to work program pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision from being inspected in accordance with the provisions of this section or from complying with all other applicable provisions of this chapter, including registration and financial security, prior to operation on any public highway.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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