

RepairCare

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Proposed Amendments to VEIP

The Maryland Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) have proposed regulatory reforms to:

- **delay the initial VEIP inspection for new vehicles by one year.** Currently, new vehicles undergo a VEIP test at two years of age. The proposed amendments would change the initial VEIP inspection date to at least 36 months after the vehicle's model year.
- **exempt pre-1996 model year light duty vehicles (cars and trucks) from VEIP inspections.** The OBD test is conducted on 1996 and newer light duty vehicles and 2008 and newer medium heavy duty vehicles (8,501 to 14,000 lbs.) The idle test and gas cap leak test will continue to be conducted on 1977 to 2007 vehicles 8,501 to 14,000 lbs. and 1977 and newer vehicles 14,001 to 26,000 lbs.

These amendments are being proposed to modernize and enhance the VEIP to improve motorist convenience while minimizing the impact on air quality. **The amendments will take effect January 1, 2018.**

VEIP Self-Service Kiosks

Ten self-service kiosks are available for the testing of eligible vehicles 24/7 with credit card payment, and have been conveniently installed at existing VEIP stations and MVA offices throughout the greater Washington and Baltimore regions. To view kiosk locations and vehicle eligibility requirements go to :



<http://www.mva.maryland.gov/programs/VEIP/KioskFlyer2016.pdf> .

Tell Your Customers to check out MVA's website at <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/vehicles/veip/> for:

- ✓ VEIP station queue cameras that show the line and current wait time (updated every five minutes) at the VEIP station that they select;
- ✓ a vehicle's last test result which could be useful to prospective used car buyers and repair technicians looking for VEIP test info. to aid in repair;
- ✓ VEIP test extension requests if more time is needed before a VEIP due date (title and license plate number required for processing).