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Overview

This bill repeals the law that requires most automobiles in the Twin Cities metropolitan area to have annual vehicle emissions inspections.

- 1 Renewal of contract.** Prohibits the pollution control agency (PCA) from renewing a contract to operate the vehicle emissions inspection program. The prohibition would be effective July 1, 2000.
- 2 Elimination of inspection fee.** Prohibits the department of public safety from collecting the vehicle emissions inspection fee along with motor vehicle license taxes. The prohibition would be effective May 31, 2000, and would apply to vehicle renewal notices mailed after that date.
- 3 Repealer.** Repeals the laws that establish the vehicle emission inspections program and that require autos domiciled in the metropolitan area, except those five or fewer years old or older than model year 1976, to pass an annual emissions inspection in order to be licensed. The repeal would be effective July 1, 2000.