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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill provides for the termination of the auto emissions inspection program in the Twin Cities metropolitan area on or before July 1, 2000. The bill also requires notice to the legislature of violations of the carbon monoxide standard under certain circumstances after termination of the auto emissions inspection program and notice of any need to reinstate the auto emissions inspection program to address such carbon monoxide violations.

- 1 Provides that the definitions in section 116.60 are also applicable to the new section, section 116.651, which deals with notice to the legislature.
- 2 Defines "Twin Cities nonattainment area for carbon monoxide" as the area surrounding the Twin Cities which is currently designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as being in nonattainment for carbon monoxide.
- 3-4 Provides that auto emissions testing is no longer required for motor vehicles in the Twin Cities metropolitan area beginning July 1, 2000 or a short period after the redesignation of the Twin Cities nonattainment area for carbon monoxide to attainment, whichever is earlier.
- 5 Requires auto emissions testing to be done based on the year of the chassis and not the year of the engine of the motor vehicle. This section is not effective until December 1, 1999.
- 6 Deletes the language that requires any contract to provide auto emissions inspection services be a minimum of five years. Provides that any new or renewed contract cannot be extended past the time inspection is no longer required.
- 7 Amends the certificate of waiver provision to require that a waiver be based on actual costs of repair already performed rather than on estimated costs of repair. This section is not effective until December 1, 1999.
- 8 Requires the Pollution Control Agency to provide all motor vehicles which fail an annual emissions inspection information about how to obtain a waiver or a temporary extension. This

information must be provided at the time of the failed inspection. This section is not effective until December 1, 1999.

- 9** Deletes reference to estimated cost of repairs. This section is not effective until December 1, 1999.
- 10** Requires the Pollution Control Agency to provide notice to the House and Senate Environment Committee Chairs of any violation of the carbon monoxide standard after redesignation of the nonattainment area and to provide notice if the Commissioner determines that emissions inspection is necessary to remedy a violation of the carbon monoxide standard after redesignation.
- 11** Prohibits the Pollution Control Agency from increasing the fees on stationary sources to offset revenue lost from termination of the auto emissions testing program.
- 12** Provides that sections 5, 7, 8 and 9 are effective December 1, 1999.