

Subject School bus inspections

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Summary

This bill allows new or used school buses being sold by a school bus dealer to be operated on public roads under an interim inspection certificate issued by the dealer, following an inspection for compliance with state law. The interim inspection certificate is valid until the time of the school bus owner's next annual inspection of its fleet, which is not to exceed 12 months from the month of initial inspection. The department must provide interim inspection certificates to dealers free of charge.

The bill also modifies the current misdemeanor penalty for operating a school bus without an inspection certificate to include interim certificates, and clarifies that the penalty applies to the school bus operator.

The changes are effective the day after enactment.