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	GUIDANCE DOCUMENT	IDENTIFIER	EFFECTIVE DATE			
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RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION:		Office of Passenger Transportation				
SUBJECT:	\$500 Fee for Late Vehicle Inspections - Buses					

MDOT has updated this guidance document to detail how this provision of Act 432 **will be enforced beginning on July 1, 2015.**

- 1) Any vehicle not passing a state approved inspection by the end of the month in which the previous inspection expires (i.e., 12 months after the date of the previous inspection) will be considered out of compliance with Section 16 of Act 432 of 1982. A vehicle may not be operated in for-hire passenger service until it has passed an approved MDOT inspection.
 - a. When an inspection is late, the vehicle will be marked “unauthorized” in MDOT’s Bus and Limousine Regulatory Information System (BLRIS). This system is accessed by the police to determine if a specific company **and** a specific vehicle is being operated legally.
 - i) If all of the vehicles on a carrier’s roster become unauthorized:
 - (1) Their name will be removed from the Authorized Carriers list posted on the MDOT website.
 - (2) Their Certificate of Authority will be revoked.
 - b. After a vehicle had passed a state approved inspection, insurance status verified and all fees are paid, the vehicle will be returned to “authorized” status in BLRIS and the vehicle is legal to operate.
- 2) Any carrier that allows an inspection to expire will be assessed a late inspection fee of \$500 per expired inspection in accordance with Section 17 of Act 432 of 1982.
- 3) Per Section 17 of Act 432 of 1982, the certificate of any motor carrier of passengers who is delinquent in fees shall be revoked. **Therefore, if you do not pay all outstanding fees by the end of the Renewal Period (January 1 through the last business day in February), your authority will be revoked.**
 - a. To reinstate your authority you will have to register as a new applicant per Section 21 of Act 432 of 1982 and pay all late inspection fees.
 - i) For Carriers with 1 vehicle = \$500 (includes re-instatement of authority and late inspection fee)
 - ii) For Carriers with 2 or more vehicles = \$300 for re-instatement fee + \$500 for each outstanding late inspection fee.

Vehicles in Out-Of-Service Status

Vehicles may be placed temporarily out of service using MDOT's "Deletion of a Vehicle" form located at (www.michigan.gov/busandlimo). However, placing a vehicle Temporarily Out-of Service **does not** remove the requirement for the vehicle to pass an inspection prior to the previous one expiring. Once a specific vehicle has been registered under Act 271 of 1990, that vehicle must pass a safety inspection every 12 months to avoid the \$500 Fee for Expired Inspections. An extension may be approved if your vehicle meets the requirements listed under the Guidance Document titled "Inspection Extension Approval Process" and the "Inspection Extension Form" has been approved by MDOT prior to inspection expiration date.

TIPS TO AVOID LATE VEHICLE INSPECTION FEES

- It is the responsibility of the carrier to ensure contact is made with their MDOT inspector to schedule inspections. However, in an effort to increase the MDOT inspector's efficiencies the inspector will contact carriers prior to or during the month the inspection expires to schedule an inspection. This contact from MDOT does not relinquish the responsibility of the carrier to contact MDOT to ensure vehicles are available for inspection. Inspector inspections schedules may be booked for the next 7 -10 business days, so schedule early to ensure space is available.
- Schedule inspections early in the month to allow time to correct any issues found during the inspection and prior to the end of the month.
- Make all necessary repairs to your vehicle(s) prior to your inspection date. If a vehicle does not pass the state approved inspection by the end of the month it is due, it will be considered out of compliance and be assessed the \$500 late fee.