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## Notice of Intended Regulatory Action Agency Background Document

<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of State Police
<b>VAC Chapter Number:</b>	19 VAC 30 70
<b>Regulation Title:</b>	Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Rules and Regulations
<b>Action Title:</b>	Revision of motor vehicle safety inspection regulations
<b>Date:</b>	05/31/2000

This information is required prior to the submission to the Registrar of Regulations of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) pursuant to the Administrative Process Act § 9-6.14:7.1 (B). Please refer to Executive Order Twenty-Five (98) and Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) for more information.

### Purpose

*Please describe the subject matter and intent of the planned regulation. This description should include a brief explanation of the need for and the goals of the new or amended regulation.*

The existing regulation is being modified to maintain consistency with state law, accepted automotive standards, and practices in the Virginia Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Safety inspectors continue to serve a major role in Virginia's overall highway safety program.

### Basis

*Please identify the state and/or federal source of legal authority to promulgate the contemplated regulation. The discussion of this authority should include a description of its scope and the extent to which the authority is mandatory or discretionary. The correlation between the proposed regulatory action and the legal authority identified above should be explained. Full citations of legal authority and, if available, web site addresses for locating the text of the cited authority must be provided.*

The rules and regulations governing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program are contained in the Official Annual Motor Vehicle Inspection Manual. These rules and regulations are promulgated under the authority of Title 46.2, Chapter 10, of the Code of Virginia. All Official inspection stations shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Virginia Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, issuing certificates only to those vehicles that meet the requirements of the program.

## Substance

*Please detail any changes that would be implemented: this discussion should include a summary of the proposed regulatory action where a new regulation is being promulgated; where existing provisions of a regulation are being amended, the statement should explain how the existing regulation will be changed. The statement should set forth the specific reasons the agency has determined that the proposed regulatory action would be essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens. In addition, a statement delineating any potential issues that may need to be addressed as the regulation is developed shall be supplied.*

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The existing regulation is being amended in order to make the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection rules and regulations consistent with state law and nationally accepted automotive standards and practices. Some changes are necessary to clarify wording and language to enhance consistency and understanding. Each section change is summarized as follows:

Revisions to Part III, Inspection Requirements for Passenger Vehicles and Vehicles up to 10,000 pounds, 19 VAC 30-70, change wording reference from glazing, to glass and glazing, for clarification.

Revisions to Approval Stickers and Decals, 19 VAC 30-70-50, are changed to make the language consistent with established administrative regulations concerning receipts required to be maintained by Official Inspection Stations and those forwarded to Safety Division. (§ 46.2-1163 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Steering and Suspension, 19 VAC 30-70-110, adds a section to clarify the inspection of V-ribbed belts (serpentine), includes changes to clarify suspension positioning parts affected, adds wording “front and rear”, designates the requirement that vehicles be hoisted so that the wheels are independently suspended to check for play, deterioration, or damage, and adds a section to require rejection if there is noticeable play in the rear ball joints. Ball Joint Wear Tables have also been revised to be in compliance with the latest motor vehicle manufacturers’ recommendations. (§ 46.2-1063, § 46.2-1064, and 46.2-1065 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Auxiliary Lamps, etc., 19 VAC-70-160, adds additional language making it consistent with established regulations requiring all filaments in lighting devices to burn. (§ 46.2-1019, § 46.2-1020, § 46.2-1021, § 46.2-1022, 46.2-1023, § 46.2-1024, § 46.2-1025, § 46.2-1026, § 46.2-1027, § 46.2-1028, § 46.2-1029, § 46.2-1029.1, § 46.2-1030, and 46.2-1090.1 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Signal Device, etc., 19 VAC-70-190, adds additional language making it consistent with established regulations requiring all filaments in lighting devices to burn. (§ 46.2-1014, § 46.2-1038, § 46.2-1039, § 46.2-1040, of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Glazing, 19 VAC 30-70-210, adds language to include glass, specifies point of measure for windshield, and changes the size of approved stickers from 2 ½ inches in width and 4 inches in length, to 3 inches in width and 8 inches in length. (§ 33.1-252, 46.2-1002, § 46.2-1052, § 46.2-1053, § 46.2-1054, 46.2-1056, § 46.2-1057, and 46.2-1058 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Seat Belts, 19 VAC 30-70-290, changes wording for clarification concerning condition of air bag and air bag warning light. (§ 46.2-1092 and § 46.2-1093 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Motorcycle Lights, etc., 19 VAC-70-360, adds additional language making it consistent with established regulations requiring all filaments in lighting devices to burn. (§ 46.2-1012, § 46.2-1013, § 46.2-1014, § 46.2-1038, § 46.2-1039, and § 46.2-1040 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Motorcycle windscreen/glazing, 19 VAC-70-410, changes glazing, to windscreen glazing for clarification. (§ 46.2-1052, § 46.2-1056, and § 46.2-1058 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Part V, Inspection Requirements Vehicles over 10,000 pounds, 19 VAC 30-70, changes wording reference from glazing, to glass and glazing, for clarification.

Revisions to Rear Lamps, etc., 19 VAC-70-520, adds additional language making it consistent with established regulations requiring all filaments in lighting devices to burn. (§ 46.2-1013 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Auxiliary Lamps, etc., 19 VAC-70-530, adds additional language making it consistent with established regulations requiring all filaments in lighting devices to burn. (§ 46.2-1019, § 46.2-1020, § 46.2-1021, § 46.2-1022, § 46.2-1023, § 46.2-1024, § 46.2-1025, § 46.2-1026, § 46.2-1027, § 46.2-1028, § 46.2-1029, § 46.2-1030, and § 46.2-290.1 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Clearance lamps and reflectors, 19 VAC-70-550, adds additional section concerning retroreflective surfaces other than required reflectors. (§ 46.2-1017 and § 46.2-1018 of the Code of Virginia.)

Revisions to Glazing, 19 VAC 30-70-580 contains footer of each page of section adding “glass” for clarification.

## Alternatives

*Please describe, to the extent known, the specific alternatives to the proposal that have been considered or will be considered to meet the essential purpose of the action.*

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Revision of this regulation is the only alternative that will meet the purpose of this action.

## Family Impact Statement

*Please provide a preliminary analysis of the potential impact of the proposed regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.*

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The proposed regulatory action will have no potential impact on the institution of the family and family stability.