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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/13-103.3 new 625 ILCS 5/13-105.1 new 625 ILCS 5/13-106 625 ILCS 5/13-107 625 ILCS 5/13-108 625 ILCS 5/13-109.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Department of Transportation shall issue a permit to the proprietor of a vehicle service company that meets certain requirements to operate an official portable emissions testing company. Provides that a permittee may test the permittee's own second division vehicles and issue certificates of safety and conduct emission inspections of the permittee's own second division vehicles. Adds language governing fees, bonding, and oversight of official

portable emissions testing companies. Makes corresponding changes.

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from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-106

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-107

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-108

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by 5 changing Sections 13-106, 13-107, 13-108, and 13-109.1 and by 6 adding Sections 13-103.3 and 13-105.1 as follows:

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(625 ILCS 5/13-103.3 new)

Sec. 13-103.3. Official portable emissions testing 8 9 company; fee; permit; bond. Upon the payment of a fee of \$10 and the filing of an application by the proprietor of any 10 vehicle service company upon forms furnished by the 11 12 Department, accompanied by proof of experience, training, and ability of the operator of the testing equipment, together 13 14 with proof of approved testing equipment as defined in Section 13-102 and the giving of a bond conditioned upon faithful 15 observance of this Section and of rules adopted by the 16 Department in the amount of \$1,000 with security approved by 17 the Department, the Department shall issue a permit to the 18 19 proprietor of the vehicle service company to operate an official portable emissions testing <u>company</u>. An official 20 21 portable emissions testing company shall only conduct portable 22 emissions inspections for diesel fleets with 5 or more diesel vehicles required to be inspected under subsection (a) of 23

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Section 13-109.1, and only at the fleet owner's place of business. A permit issued under this Section shall expire 12 months following its issuance, but may be renewed annually by complying with this Section and upon the payment of a renewal fee of \$10. No person or vehicle service company shall operate as an official portable emissions testing company without having been issued a permit as provided in this Section.

8 <u>A permittee under this Section may test second division</u> 9 <u>vehicles owned, operated, or controlled by the permittee and</u> 10 <u>issue certificates of safety and conduct emission inspections</u> 11 <u>of such vehicles in accordance with Section 13-109.1.</u>

12 Each permit issued by the Department shall state on its face the location of the recordkeeping office of the 13 14 proprietor of the official portable emissions testing company. However, the Department, upon application, may authorize a 15 change in the location of the recordkeeping office. Upon the 16 17 approval of such an application, the Department shall issue an endorsement to be fixed by the applicant to the permit. Such an 18 19 endorsement constitutes authority for the applicant to make 20 the change in location.

21	(625 ILCS 5/13-105.1 new)
22	Sec. 13-105.1. Inspection of official portable emissions
23	testing company. Employees specifically authorized by the
24	Department shall inspect, at frequent intervals, vehicles,
25	equipment, and the recordkeeping office used by an official

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portable emissions testing company. Department employees under 1 2 this Section shall have access to all records, relating to 3 tests and work done or parts sold as a result of such tests, to ascertain whether tests are properly, fairly, and honestly 4 5 made. Department employees under this Section may examine the owner of an official portable emissions company or any officer 6 7 or employee thereof under oath. The Department shall conduct periodic nonscheduled inspections of the premises of vehicles 8 9 owned and operated by a licensed official portable emissions 10 testing company.

11 (625 ILCS 5/13-106) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-106)

12 13-106. Rates and charges by official testing Sec. 13 stations and official portable emissions testing companies; schedule stations-Schedule to be filed. Every operator of an 14 15 official testing station or official portable emissions 16 testing company shall file with the Department, in the manner prescribed by the Department, a schedule of all rates and 17 charges made by him for performing the tests provided for in 18 Section 13-101 and Section 13-109.1. Such rate or charge shall 19 20 include an amount to reimburse the operator of the official 21 testing station or official portable emissions testing company 22 for the purchase from the Department of the certificate of safety required by this chapter, not to exceed that fee paid to 23 24 the Department by the operator authorized by this chapter. 25 Such rates and charges shall be just and reasonable and the

Department upon its own initiative or upon complaint of any 1 person or corporation may require the testing station operator 2 3 to appear for a hearing and prove that the rates so filed are just and reasonable. A "just and reasonable" rate or charge, 4 5 for the purposes of this Section, means a rate or charge which is the same, or nearly the same, as the prevailing rate or 6 7 charge for the same or similar tests made in the community 8 where the station is located. No operator may change this 9 schedule of rates and charges until the proposed changes are 10 filed with and approved by the Department. No license may be 11 issued to any official testing station or official portable 12 emissions testing company unless the applicant has filed with 13 the Department a proposed schedule of rates and charges and 14 unless such rates and charges have been approved by the 15 Department. No operator of an official testing station or 16 official portable emissions testing company shall charge more 17 or less than the rates so filed with and approved by the 18 Department.

19 (Source: P.A. 91-254, eff. 7-1-00.)

20 (625 ILCS 5/13-107) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-107)

Sec. 13-107. Investigation of complaints against official testing stations <u>and official portable emissions testing</u> <u>companies</u>. The Department shall, upon its own motion, or upon charges made in writing verified under oath, investigate complaints that an official testing station <u>or official</u>

portable emissions testing company is willfully falsifying 1 2 records or tests, either for the purpose of selling parts or services not actually required, or for the purpose of issuing 3 a certificate of safety for a vehicle designed to carry 15 or 4 5 fewer passengers operated by a contract carrier transporting employees in the course of their employment on a highway of 6 7 this State, second division vehicle, or medical transport vehicle that is not in safe mechanical condition as determined 8 9 by the standards of this Chapter in violation of the 10 provisions of this Chapter or of the rules and regulations 11 issued by the Department.

12 The Secretary of Transportation, for the purpose of more 13 effectively carrying out the provisions of Chapter 13, may 14 appoint such a number of inspectors as he may deem necessary. Such inspectors shall inspect and investigate applicants for 15 16 official testing station or official portable emissions 17 testing company permits and investigate and report violations. With respect to enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter 18 19 13, such inspectors shall have and may exercise throughout the 20 State all the powers of police officers.

The Secretary must authorize to each inspector and to any other employee of the Department exercising the powers of a peace officer a distinct badge that, on its face, (i) clearly states that the badge is authorized by the Department and (ii) contains a unique identifying number. No other badge shall be authorized by the Department. Nothing in this Section

1 prohibits the Secretary from issuing shields or other 2 distinctive identification to employees not exercising the 3 powers of a peace officer if the Secretary determines that a 4 shield or distinctive identification is needed by the employee 5 to carry out his or her responsibilities.

6 (Source: P.A. 92-108, eff. 1-1-02; 93-423, eff. 8-5-03.)

7 (625 ILCS 5/13-108) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 13-108)

8 Sec. 13-108. Hearing on complaint against official testing station or official portable emissions testing company; 9 10 suspension station-Suspension or revocation of permit. If it 11 Department, either through its appears to the own 12 investigation or upon charges verified under oath, that any of the provisions of this Chapter or the rules and regulations of 13 the Department, are being violated, the Department, shall 14 after notice to the person, firm or corporation charged with 15 16 such violation, conduct a hearing. At least 10 days prior to the date of such hearing the Department shall cause to be 17 served upon the person, firm or corporation charged with such 18 19 violation, a copy of such charge or charges by registered mail 20 or by the personal service thereof, together with a notice 21 specifying the time and place of such hearing. At the time and 22 place specified in such notice the person, firm or corporation charged with such violation shall be given an opportunity to 23 24 appear in person or by counsel and to be heard by the Secretary 25 of Transportation or an officer or employee of the Department

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designated in writing by him to conduct such hearing. If it appears from the hearing that such person, firm or corporation is guilty of the charge preferred against him or it, the Secretary of Transportation may order the permit suspended or revoked, and the bond forfeited. Any such revocation or suspension shall not be a bar to subsequent arrest and prosecution for violation of this Chapter.

8 (Source: P.A. 78-255.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/13-109.1)

Sec. 13-109.1. Annual emission inspection tests;
standards; penalties; funds.

12 (a) For each diesel powered vehicle that (i) is registered 13 for a gross weight of more than 16,000 pounds, (ii) is 14 registered within an affected area, and (iii) is a 2 year or 15 older model year, an annual emission inspection test shall be 16 conducted at an official testing station or by an official portable emissions testing company certified by the Illinois 17 18 Department of Transportation to perform diesel emission 19 inspections pursuant to the standards set forth in subsection 20 (b) of this Section. This annual emission inspection test may 21 be conducted in conjunction with a semi-annual safety test.

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(b) Diesel emission inspections conducted under this
Chapter 13 shall be conducted in accordance with the Society
of Automotive Engineers Recommended Practice J1667

"Snap-Acceleration Smoke Test Procedure for Heavy-Duty Diesel 1 2 Powered Vehicles" and the cutpoint standards set forth in the 3 United States Environmental Protection Agency guidance document "Guidance to States on Smoke Opacity Cutpoints to be 4 5 used with the SAE J1667 In-Use Smoke Test Procedure". Those procedures and standards, as now in effect, are made a part of 6 7 this Code, in the same manner as though they were set out in 8 full in this Code.

9 Notwithstanding the above cutpoint standards, for motor 10 vehicles that are model years 1973 and older, until December 11 31, 2002, the level of peak smoke opacity shall not exceed 70 12 percent. Beginning January 1, 2003, for motor vehicles that 13 are model years 1973 and older, the level of peak smoke opacity 14 shall not exceed 55 percent.

15 (c) If the annual emission inspection under subsection (a) 16 reveals that the vehicle is not in compliance with the diesel 17 emission standards set forth in subsection (b) of this Section, the operator of the official testing station or 18 19 official portable emissions testing company shall issue a 20 warning notice requiring correction of the violation. The correction shall be made and the vehicle submitted to an 21 22 emissions retest at an official testing station or official 23 portable emissions testing company certified by the Department to perform diesel emission inspections within 30 days from the 24 25 issuance of the warning notice requiring correction of the 26 violation.

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within 30 days from the issuance of the warning 1 If, 2 notice, the vehicle is not in compliance with the diesel emission standards set forth in subsection (b) as determined 3 by an emissions retest at an official testing station or 4 5 through an official portable emissions testing company, the certified emissions testing operator, the operator of the 6 7 official testing station or the Department shall place the vehicle out-of-service 8 in accordance with the rules 9 promulgated by the Department. Operating a vehicle that has 10 been placed out-of-service under this subsection (c) is a 11 petty offense punishable by a \$1,000 fine. The vehicle must 12 pass a diesel emission inspection at an official testing 13 station before it is again placed in service. The Secretary of State, Department of State Police, and other law enforcement 14 15 officers shall enforce this Section. No emergency vehicle, as 16 defined in Section 1-105, may be placed out-of-service 17 pursuant to this Section.

The Department, or an official testing station, or an 18 19 official portable emissions testing company may issue a 20 certificate of waiver subsequent to a reinspection of a vehicle that failed the emissions inspection. Certificate of 21 22 waiver shall be issued upon determination that documented 23 proof demonstrates that emissions repair costs for the noncompliant vehicle of at least \$3,000 have been spent in an 24 25 effort to achieve compliance with the emission standards set forth in subsection (b). The Department of Transportation 26

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shall adopt rules for the implementation of this subsection
including standards of documented proof as well as the
criteria by which a waiver shall be granted.
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(d) (Blank).
(Source: P.A. 100-700, eff. 8-3-18.)