

The House Committee on Rules offers the following substitute to SB 198:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-9-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 power of the Board of Natural Resources to regulate air quality in nonattainment areas in this
3 state, so as to provide the costs to be covered by the fee charged by emission inspection
4 stations shall include the activities of the director of the Environmental Protection Division
5 necessary to achieve compliance with state and federal clean air laws; to amend Code Section
6 12-9-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificates of emission
7 inspection, so as to provide for a time extension; to provide for related matters; to provide
8 for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Code Section 12-9-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the power of
12 the Board of Natural Resources to regulate air quality in nonattainment areas in this state, is
13 amended by revising paragraph (11) of subsection (a) as follows:

14 "(11) To prescribe by rule or regulation an administrative fee to be collected by the
15 director from each emission inspection station in a manner determined by the board by
16 rule or regulation to cover the direct and indirect cost of:

17 (A) Required ~~required~~ and adequate oversight to confirm that inspections are being
18 done in a proper and adequate manner, including, without limitation, the operation and
19 maintenance of a data system and network for emission inspection data and related
20 information; the performance of audits and quality control and quality assurance for
21 certified emission inspection stations and licensed inspectors; the dissemination of
22 information to individuals, corporations, governmental agencies, and any other entity
23 regarding emission inspection requirements and related information; and the issuance
24 of waivers, exemptions, and extensions of the emission inspection requirement;

25 (B) Activities of the director within designated nonattainment areas that are necessary
26 to achieve compliance with this article and the federal Clean Air Act including, without

27 limitation, ambient monitoring, attainment plan development, maintenance plan
 28 development, emission inventories, data analysis, and coordination and consultation
 29 with other governmental planning organizations; and
 30 (C) Any ~~any~~ other requirements that the board determines are appropriate to
 31 implement, enforce, and ensure compliance with the requirements of this article and the
 32 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this article; provided, however, that
 33 \$1.00 of each such administrative fee shall be remitted to the county for each
 34 responsible motor vehicle that is registered in that county; and"

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 Code Section 12-9-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificates of
 37 emission inspection, is revised by adding a new subsection (e) and redesignating existing
 38 subsections (e) through (i) as (f) through (j), as follows:

39 "(e) A time extension, not to exceed the period of the inspection frequency, may be granted
 40 to obtain needed repairs on a vehicle in the case of economic hardship when waiver
 41 requirements contained in subsection (d) of this Code section have not been met. After
 42 having received a time extension under this subsection, a vehicle must fully pass the
 43 applicable test standards before becoming eligible for another time extension."

44 **SECTION 3.**

45 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
 46 without such approval.

47 **SECTION 4.**

48 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.