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Bulletin To: All Dealers and Tag & Title Services

RE: Electronic Inspections

The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) is pleased to announce the implementation of electronic safety inspection certificates. This new process is a result of House Bill 246 passed in the 2014 legislative session.

This legislation removes the requirement for a written inspection but does not remove the requirement for dealers to have vehicles inspected prior to the sale.

Currently there are 2 formats to present the Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate:

- Paper Certificate – Same process as currently using.
- Paper Electronic Certificate – Control number begins with an “E” and signature is machine printed – Accept using same process as a paper certificate.

The changes you will need to know are for non-dealer transactions:

- The standard renewal transaction may continue to be used to record the inspection and collect registration fees.

For dealer transactions the changes you need to know are:

- You must have the vehicle safety inspected prior to the sale (no change from current requirement).
- If the Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is electronic, you are not required to attach one to the window of the vehicle.
- If your dealership is a certified Maryland Inspection Station and you would like to participate in electronic inspections please contact the Maryland State Police.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact us at mvablcsd@mva.maryland.gov.

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