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Senate Approves Bill Eliminating Inconvenience of Emissions Testing

JEFFERSON CITY— The Senate has approved a bill co-sponsored by Sen. Bill Alter, R-High Ridge, and Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, making emissions testing more consumer-friendly. Senate Bill 583 addresses many of the problems in the current emissions testing process, which the 1.2 million vehicles registered in the greater St. Louis area must go through every other year before license plates can be renewed.

“With this measure, we are modernizing the emissions-testing process and making it more hassle-free for vehicle owners,” Alter said. “There’s no reason we can’t have a process that is good for the environment and good for consumers.”

Among its many provisions, SB 583 decentralizes the testing program and gives consumers more options about where to get their vehicles tested. Provisions are also included to allow for the following vehicles to be exempted from the emissions test:

- New cars for four years after their model year, provided that at the two-year safety inspection, the vehicle has fewer than 50,000 miles on the odometer.
- Motor vehicles that are driven fewer than 12,000 miles between biennial safety inspections.

“The emissions program has been in need of improvement for quite awhile now, and I am glad that my Senate colleagues were supportive of this measure,” Alter said. “With these reforms in place, my constituents will save time, money and patience.”

The bill will soon be taken up by the House.