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General Assembly Passes Sen. Griesheimer's Bill Granting Grace Period for Vehicle Emissions Testing

JEFFERSON CITY — The General Assembly has given final approval to a bill sponsored by state Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, that provides Missouri drivers in the St. Louis metropolitan area whose vehicles fail required emissions testing a grace period to make repairs and complete retesting.

[Senate Bill 936](#) allows drivers in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Franklin and Jefferson counties with a current registration to drive up to 30 days beyond the vehicle's registration expiration if their vehicles fail emissions testing. Diagnostic testing typically requires at least two weeks to determine if repaired vehicles are meeting emissions standards.

Under the new provision, drivers will not receive a ticket violation for expired vehicle tags if they present a copy of the most recent test results to law enforcement officers while operating the vehicle to reset its readiness monitors.

"This bill will make it possible for motorists to get their vehicles tested and avoid getting a ticket if their vehicle unexpectedly failed emissions even though they brought it to the repair shop just before or just after the their vehicle registration expired," Sen. Griesheimer said. "We have millions of drivers in the St. Louis region who are required to complete the testing for cleaner and safer air and this will allow more time to satisfactorily complete the required testing."

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