

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF SERVICE STATIONS & REPAIR SHOPS, INC.

Memorandum

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To: Inspection Station Owners
From: Association Office, Ralph Bombardiere
Date: 12/31/04
Re: Proposed Inspection Fee Survey

DMV Proposes Downstate Inspection Fee

DMV recently announced a proposed fee for the upcoming downstate OBD-II Emission Inspection Program. The fee for a dyno inspection, 1995 and older vehicles and for OBD-II Emission Inspection will be the same, \$37.00. This includes the safety portion of the inspection. The downside is that DMV is eliminating the provision that prohibits discounting the fee. This will mean that, if a downstate inspection station wants to charge less than \$37.00, it can. The upstate fee for OBD-II inspections is to remain firm at \$21.00.

With the pricing difference between the two regions, we ask did you get a good or a bad deal? Please let us know by faxing a response to the questions below to 518-452-1955.

For downstate dealers, are you satisfied with the proposed fee of \$37.00?

Yes ___ No ___

For downstate dealers, would you rather lock in at a lower fee for OBD-II?

Yes ___ No ___

For upstate dealers, are you satisfied with the current locked in fee of \$21.00?

Yes ___ No ___

For upstate dealers, would you rather a higher fee, but allow stations to charge less than that for OBD-II? Yes ___ No ___

The Association knows that we are not receiving proper compensation for performing inspections. The State takes the position that if you do not like the fee, you may still repair vehicles and not be an inspection station. Of course, we disagree. We will continue our effort toward a fair and equitable fee. For now we need to know what you think of the proposed fee, which will probably become effective April 1, 2005, as soon as downstate stations have the new equipment up and running.