



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 368
[2013 Assembly Bill 812]

**Fraudulent Motor Vehicle
Emission Reports**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) operates a motor vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program in counties in which the air quality does not meet certain federal standards. Under this program, most motor vehicles that are subject to emission limitations established by the Department of Natural Resources must pass periodic emission inspections and may not be registered by DOT unless they have passed these inspections.

2013 Wisconsin Act 368 prohibits a person from knowingly doing any of the following:

- Altering data from an emission inspection.
- Submitting a false report of data from a required emission inspection.
- Attributing data from an emission inspection to a vehicle other than the vehicle tested.

A violation of these provisions is generally punishable by a forfeiture of not more than \$500. If the violator is the person performing the emission inspection, however, the violation is a Class H felony, which is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment for up to six years, or both.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.