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**INSPECTION BULLETIN # 373**

TO: All Official Inspection Stations  
FROM: Captain Ronald C. Maxey, Jr.  
SUBJECT: Virginia State Inspection Sticker Placement

Recent innovations in the automotive industry have necessitated an evaluation of Sections 19VAC30-70-50 and 19VAC30-70-210 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Manual, which govern the current placement of Virginia's safety inspection sticker, and any other authorized stickers, on vehicle windshields. Automobile manufacturers now offer crash avoidance technology in many of their vehicles. Many of these new features utilize the center of the windshield; therefore, the placement of items in this area, including stickers, may result in the crash avoidance systems not operating properly.

The purpose of the Virginia Safety Inspection Program is to promote highway safety and the crash avoidance technology is another tool provided by manufacturers to ensure vehicles operated on the roadways are safe at all times.

Therefore, after careful consideration, effective **January 1, 2018**, the Virginia state inspection sticker will be affixed to the windshield at the bottom left corner of the windshield, when viewed from the inside of the vehicle. The left edge of the sticker is to be approximately one (1) inch to the right of the left edge of the windshield and the top edge of the sticker is to be approximately four (4) inches from the bottom of the windshield, when viewed from the inside of the vehicle. (See Attachment – Page 2)

Please ensure you begin affixing the inspection sticker at the new location on the windshield beginning **January 1, 2018**. If you have any questions, please contact your local Safety Trooper or Safety Division Area Office.

**This inspection bulletin serves as guidance concerning these specific circumstances and these changes will be reflected in the next official revision to the Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Manual.**

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Attachment

