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Safety inspections now discontinued, but required if car registration expired in 2017

Although safety inspections are now no longer required in Utah on passenger vehicle registrations beginning January 1, 2018, they are required for vehicles whose registrations expired in 2017.

Legislation discontinuing the safety inspection requirement became effective on January 1, 2018, but does not change safety inspection requirements in place prior to that date.

“This means if a passenger vehicle registration expires in 2017 that would have required a safety inspection at that time, the inspection will still be required to register after that date – even in January,” says Charlie Roberts, spokesperson of the Utah Division of Motor Vehicles.

Roberts added, “We use registration expiration dates to implement new motor vehicle laws. This is consistent with the implementation of other tax laws.”

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