

1 19A NCAC 03D .0541 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 03D .0541 EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROLS**

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5 (a) An exhaust emission shall not be approved if the vehicle is a ~~1968-year~~ 1968-year model or newer and any of
6 the visible emission control devices placed thereon by the manufacturer are missing, disconnected, made inoperative
7 or have been altered without approval of the Department of ~~Environment, Health, and Natural~~
8 ~~Resources~~ Environmental Quality.

9 (b) If the unleaded gas restrictor on a vehicle manufactured after model year 1967 has been altered or removed a
10 new or reconditioned catalytic converter and unleaded gas restrictor must be replaced before the vehicle passes
11 inspection.

12 (c) An exhaust system shall not be approved if:

- 13 (1) ~~The the~~ vehicle has no muffler or other exhaust system of the type installed at the time of
14 manufacture and when in constant operation to prevent excessive noise, smoke and smoke screens;
15 (2) ~~The the~~ muffler, exhaust or tail pipes have leaking ~~joints~~ joints;
16 (3) ~~The the~~ exhaust or tail pipes have holes, leaking seams or leaking patches on ~~muffler~~ muffler;
17 (4) ~~The the~~ tail pipe end is ~~pinched~~ pinched;
18 (5) ~~The the~~ exhaust system is equipped with muffler cut-out or muffler ~~by-pass~~ by-pass; or
19 (6) ~~Any any~~ part of the system passes through the passenger compartment.

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21 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-39; ~~20-128~~; ~~20-183.3(9)~~; 20-183.3(a)(9);

22 Eff. October 1, ~~1994~~ 1994;

23 Readopted Eff. _____, 2021.