Definitions relative to emissions inspections.

2. As used in this act:

"Diesel bus" means any diesel-powered autobus or motorbus of any size or configuration, whether registered in this State or elsewhere, that is designed or used for intrastate or interstate transportation of passengers for hire or otherwise on a public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State, and shall include, but need not be limited to: autobuses under the jurisdiction of the commission pursuant to Titles 27 or 48 of the Revised Statutes; autobuses of the New Jersey Transit Corporation and its contract carriers that are under the inspection jurisdiction of the commission; autobuses that are subject to federal motor carrier safety regulations; autobuses under the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission or its successor agency; school buses, as defined pursuant to R.S.39:1-1; hotel, casino, charter, and special buses; and any other diesel-powered autobus or motorbus as determined by rule or regulation adopted by the commission in consultation with the Department of Transportation;

"Diesel-powered motor vehicle" means a vehicle, whether registered in this State or elsewhere, that is self-propelled by a compression ignition type of internal combustion engine using diesel fuel and that (1) is designed or used for transporting persons or property on any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State, (2) is greater than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight, (3) is not a diesel bus or heavy-duty diesel truck, and (4) is not a heavy-duty diesel truck or other diesel-powered motor vehicle owned and operated by a county, municipality, fire district, or duly incorporated nonprofit organization for first aid, emergency, ambulance, rescue, or fire-fighting purposes. Diesel-powered motor vehicle shall also mean a vehicle that is designed or used for construction or farming purposes and is greater than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight, except that the commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, may exempt from the requirements of this act diesel-powered motor vehicles that are registered as construction vehicles under Titles 39 and 41 of the Revised Statutes or that are greater than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight and are designed or used for construction or farming purposes;

"EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

"Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single or combination (articulated) vehicle. The GVWR of a combination (articulated) vehicle, commonly referred to as the "gross combination weight rating" or "GCWR," is the GVWR of the power unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units;

"Heavy-duty diesel truck" means any diesel-powered motor vehicle, whether registered in this State or elsewhere, with a GVWR of 18,000 or more pounds that is designed or used for the transporting of property on any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State. Heavy-duty diesel truck shall not mean a heavy-duty diesel truck owned and operated by a county,
municipality, fire district, or duly incorporated nonprofit organization for first aid, emergency, ambulance, rescue, or fire-fighting purposes;

"Periodic inspection program" or "periodic inspection" means a program in which diesel buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, and other diesel-powered motor vehicles registered in this State are periodically inspected in accordance with the provisions of this act;

"Person" means a corporation, company, association, society, firm, partnership, or joint stock company, or an individual, and shall also include the State and all of its political subdivisions and any agencies, authorities, corporations, or instrumentalities of the State or any political subdivision thereof; and

"Roadside enforcement program" or "roadside inspection" means a roadside examination program conducted pursuant to this act for the inspection of exhaust emissions, emission control apparatus and such other items as the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the commission and the Commissioner of Transportation, prescribes, of diesel buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, and other diesel-powered motor vehicles along any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State or at such other locations as may be designated by the commission in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation.

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