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1 AN ACT Relating to emissions exemptions on motor vehicles that are
2 four or fewer years old; and amending RCW 46.16.015.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.015 and 1991 c 199 s 209 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Neither the department of licensing nor its agents may issue or
7 renew a motor vehicle license for any vehicle or change the registered
8 owner of a licensed vehicle, for any vehicle that is required to be
9 inspected under chapter 70.120 RCW, unless the application for issuance
10 or renewal is: (a) Accompanied by a valid certificate of compliance or
11 a valid certificate of acceptance issued pursuant to chapter 70.120
12 RCW; or (b) exempted from this requirement pursuant to subsection (2)
13 of this section. The certificates must have a date of validation which
14 is within six months of the date of application for the vehicle license
15 or license renewal. Certificates for fleet or owner tested diesel
16 vehicles may have a date of validation which is within twelve months of
17 the assigned license renewal date.

18 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the following
19 vehicles:

1 (a) New motor vehicles whose equitable or legal title has never
2 been transferred to a person who in good faith purchases the vehicle
3 for purposes other than resale;

4 (b) Motor vehicles that are four or fewer years old;

5 (c) Motor vehicles with a model year of 1967 or earlier;

6 ~~((e))~~ (d) Motor vehicles that use propulsion units powered
7 exclusively by electricity;

8 ~~((d))~~ (e) Motor vehicles fueled by propane, compressed natural
9 gas, or liquid petroleum gas, unless it is determined that federal
10 sanctions will be imposed as a result of this exemption;

11 ~~((e))~~ (f) Motorcycles as defined in RCW 46.04.330 and motor-
12 driven cycles as defined in RCW 46.04.332;

13 ~~((f))~~ (g) Farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.181;

14 ~~((g))~~ (h) Used vehicles which are offered for sale by a motor
15 vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 46.70 RCW; or

16 ~~((h))~~ (i) Motor vehicles exempted by the director of the
17 department of ecology.

18 The provisions of ~~((subparagraph))~~ (a) of this subsection may not
19 be construed as exempting from the provisions of subsection (1) of this
20 section applications for the renewal of licenses for motor vehicles
21 that are or have been leased.

22 (3) The department of ecology shall provide information to motor
23 vehicle owners regarding the boundaries of emission contributing areas
24 and restrictions established under this section that apply to vehicles
25 registered in such areas. In addition the department of ecology shall
26 provide information to motor vehicle owners on the relationship between
27 motor vehicles and air pollution and steps motor vehicle owners should
28 take to reduce motor vehicle related air pollution. The department of
29 licensing shall send to all registered motor vehicle owners affected by
30 the emission testing program notice that they must have an emission
31 test to renew their registration.

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