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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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3 By Representative G. Chandler

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.120.170 and 1998 c 342 s 4 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The department shall administer a system for emission
10 inspections of all motor vehicles, except those described in RCW
11 46.16.015(2), that are registered within the boundaries of each
12 emission contributing area. Under such system a motor vehicle shall be
13 inspected biennially except where an annual program would be required
14 to meet federal law and prevent federal sanctions. In addition, motor
15 vehicles shall be inspected at each change of registered owner of a
16 licensed vehicle as provided under RCW 46.16.015.

17 (2) The director shall:

18 (a) Adopt procedures for conducting emission inspections of motor
19 vehicles. The inspections may include the acceleration simulation mode
20 test described in WAC 173-422-070 as it existed on January 1, 2001, and
21 idle and high revolution per minute emission tests, but may not include
22 the transient emission test known as the IM 240 test developed by the
23 United States environmental protection agency and authorized in 40
24 C.F.R. 51.357 as it exists on the effective date of this section. The
25 emission test for diesel vehicles shall consist solely of a smoke
26 opacity test.

27 (b) Adopt criteria for calibrating emission testing equipment.
28 Electronic equipment used to test for emissions standards provided for
29 in this chapter shall be properly calibrated. The department shall
30 examine frequently the calibration of the emission testing equipment
31 used at the stations.

32 (c) Authorize, through contracts, the establishment and operation
33 of inspection stations for conducting vehicle emission inspections
34 authorized in this chapter. Any contract for providing vehicle
35 emission inspections after June 30, 2002, shall: (i) Be bid on or
36 after June 15, 2001; and (ii) include no fewer than two satellite

1 stations and no more than five satellite stations statewide, with at
2 least one satellite station located in a suburban area and one
3 satellite station located in a city or town surrounded by a rural area.
4 No person contracted to inspect motor vehicles may perform for
5 compensation repairs on any vehicles. No public body may establish or
6 operate contracted inspection stations. Any contracts must be let in
7 accordance with the procedures established for competitive bids in
8 chapter 43.19 RCW, except that no contract may be entered into for a
9 period greater than six years.

10 (3) Subsection (2)(c) of this section does not apply to volunteer
11 motor vehicle inspections under RCW 70.120.020(1) if the inspections
12 are conducted for the following purposes:

13 (a) Auditing;

14 (b) Contractor evaluation;

15 (c) Collection of data for establishing calibration and performance
16 standards; or

17 (d) Public information and education.

18 (4)(a) The director shall establish by rule the fee to be charged
19 for emission inspections. The inspection fee shall be a standard fee
20 applicable statewide or throughout an emission contributing area and
21 shall be no greater than (~~fifteen~~) twenty-one dollars. Surplus
22 moneys collected from fees over the amount due the contractor shall be
23 paid to the state and deposited in the general fund. Fees shall be set
24 at the minimum whole dollar amount required to (i) compensate the
25 contractor or inspection facility owner, and (ii) offset the general
26 fund appropriation to the department to cover the administrative costs
27 of the motor vehicle emission inspection program. The portion of the
28 fee dedicated to covering the department's administrative costs may not
29 exceed three dollars and eighty cents per inspection.

30 (b) Before each inspection, a person whose motor vehicle is to be
31 inspected shall pay to the inspection station the fee established under
32 this section. The person whose motor vehicle is inspected shall
33 receive the results of the inspection. If the inspected vehicle
34 complies with the standards established by the director, the person
35 shall receive a dated certificate of compliance. If the inspected
36 vehicle does not comply with those standards, one reinspection of the
37 vehicle shall be afforded without charge.

38 (5) All units of local government and agencies of the state with
39 motor vehicles garaged or regularly operated in an emissions

1 contributing area shall test the emissions of those vehicles annually
2 to ensure that the vehicle's emissions comply with the emission
3 standards established by the director. All state agencies outside of
4 emission contributing areas with more than twenty motor vehicles housed
5 at a single facility or contiguous facilities shall test the emissions
6 of those vehicles annually to ensure that the vehicles' emissions
7 comply with standards established by the director. A report of the
8 results of the tests shall be submitted to the department.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
12 immediately."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Caps the price the Department of Ecology can charge a consumer for a vehicle emission inspection at \$21.00; limits the portion of the inspection fee dedicated to reimbursing the department's costs at \$3.80; prohibits the department from conducting the IM 240 emission test; limits the length of a contract to provide emission tests to six years; requires potential inspection providers to bid after June 15, 2001; includes provisions for the establishment of between two and five satellite inspection stations located in suburban or rural areas; and adds an emergency clause.

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