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By Senators A. Smith and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to emission control inspections; amending RCW  
2 46.16.015; and adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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, subject to the  
8 provisions of section 2 of this act, change the registered owner of a  
9 licensed vehicle, for any vehicle that is required to be inspected  
10 under chapter 70.120 RCW, unless the application for issuance or  
11 renewal is: (a) Accompanied by a valid certificate of compliance or a  
12 valid certificate of acceptance issued pursuant to chapter 70.120 RCW;  
13 or (b) exempted from this requirement pursuant to subsection (2) of  
14 this section. The certificates must have a date of validation which is  
15 within six months of the date of application for the vehicle license or  
16 license renewal. Certificates for fleet or owner tested diesel  
17 vehicles may have a date of validation which is within twelve months of  
18 the assigned license renewal date.

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

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

6 (b) Motor vehicles with a model year of 1967 or earlier;

7 (c) Motor vehicles that use propulsion units powered exclusively by  
8 electricity;

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

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

14 (f) Farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.181;

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

17 (h) Motor vehicles exempted by the director of the department of  
18 ecology.

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

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

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
34 to read as follows:

1       The department of ecology may by rule authorize the department of  
2       licensing, under RCW 46.16.015(1), to change the registered owner of a  
3       licensed vehicle, provided implementation of the rule does not lead to  
4       federal environmental protection agency disapproval of the state's  
5       motor vehicle emission inspection program.

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