
SENATE BILL 5627

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By Senators Erwin, Johnson and Sellar.

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1 AN ACT Relating to motor fuel testing; amending 1990 c 298 s 31
2 (uncodified); creating new sections; making an appropriation; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The director of agriculture currently
6 maintains the discretion to enforce chapter 102, Laws of 1990, dealing
7 with, among other things, falsely labeled motor fuel products. The
8 legislature finds that the department of agriculture maintains and
9 continues to take motor fuel samples, but that expert analysis of these
10 samples must be performed in order for the director to discern current
11 compliance and the extent of enforcement necessary. The department may
12 hire an expert without an additional appropriation.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** With funds appropriated in section 31,
2 chapter 298, Laws of 1990, to implement chapter 102, Laws of 1990, the
3 director of agriculture shall:

4 (1) Employ a petroleum expert to do the following: (a) Analyze
5 existing and future motor fuel samples; (b) make recommendations
6 concerning further areas and methods of appropriate testing; (c)
7 discern compliance levels; (d) make recommendations concerning
8 enforcement procedure; and (e) report to the director of agriculture
9 concerning (a) through (d) of this subsection.

10 (2) Based on the report in subsection (1) of this section, discern
11 the existence of and prioritize classes of motor fuel labeling
12 violations under the director's authority, and exercise enforcement
13 powers accordingly.

14 (3) Report findings and any recommendations for legislation to the
15 legislature no later than January 1, 1992.

16 **Sec. 3.** 1990 c 298 s 31 (uncodified) is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

19 \$100,000 is appropriated from the motor vehicle fund solely for the
20 motor fuel quality testing program provided for in Engrossed Substitute
21 House Bill No. 1450. If Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1450 is
22 not enacted by June 30, 1990, the allocation provided for in this
23 section shall lapse. A portion of these funds may be used for the
24 purposes set forth in section 2 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
28 effect immediately.