
SENATE BILL 6017

State of Washington

56th Legislature

1999 Regular Session

By Senators Spanel and Swecker; by request of Department of Ecology

Read first time 02/22/1999. Referred to Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources.

1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle emission inspections; and amending
2 RCW 46.16.015.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.015 and 1998 c 342 s 6 are each amended to read
5 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~~) fourteen months of the date of application for the
15 vehicle license or license renewal. (~~(Certificates for fleet or owner
16 tested diesel vehicles may have a date of validation which is within
17 twelve months of 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 with a model year of 1967 or earlier;

5 (c) Motor vehicles that use propulsion units powered exclusively by
6 electricity;

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

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

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

13 (g) Beginning January 1, 2000, used vehicles ((which are offered
14 for sale)) sold by a motor vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 46.70
15 RCW located outside a county where emission inspections are required;

16 (h) Beginning January 1, 2000, used vehicles sold by a motor
17 vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 46.70 RCW located in a county
18 where emission inspections are required if the vehicle was most
19 recently registered to an address where Washington emission inspections
20 are required;

21 (i) Beginning January 1, 2000, used vehicles sold by a motor
22 vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 46.70 RCW located in a county
23 where emission inspections are required if the vehicle will be required
24 to be emission inspected at the next license renewal;

25 (j) Classes of motor vehicles exempted by the director of the
26 department of ecology;

27 ((+i)) (k) Collector cars as identified by the department of
28 licensing under RCW 46.16.305(1); or

29 ((+j)) (l) Beginning January 1, 2000, vehicles that are less than
30 five years old or more than twenty-five years old.

31 The provisions of (a) of this subsection may not be construed as
32 exempting from the provisions of subsection (1) of this section
33 applications for the renewal of licenses for motor vehicles that are or
34 have been leased.

35 (3) The department of ecology shall provide information to motor
36 vehicle owners regarding the boundaries of emission contributing areas
37 and restrictions established under this section that apply to vehicles
38 registered in such areas. In addition the department of ecology shall
39 provide information to motor vehicle owners on the relationship between

1 motor vehicles and air pollution and steps motor vehicle owners should
2 take to reduce motor vehicle related air pollution. The department of
3 licensing shall send to all registered motor vehicle owners affected by
4 the emission testing program notice that they must have an emission
5 test to renew their registration.

--- END ---