
SENATE BILL 5099

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By Senators Poulsen, Fraser, Kline, Kohl-Welles and Brown; by request of Governor Locke

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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle emissions; adding a new section to
2 chapter 70.120 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; creating
3 a new section; and repealing 1991 c 199 s 229 (uncodified).

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) Global warming is a matter of increasing concern for public
7 health and the environment, placing Washington's environment and
8 economy at risk.

9 (2) The risks from global warming include potential reductions in
10 the state's water supply due to changes in snowpack levels and the
11 timing of spring runoff; low river flows impacting energy generation,
12 salmon recovery, and infrastructure for roads; a higher sea level
13 resulting in increased beach erosion; increased risk of forest fires
14 and forest disease and insect infestations; and more extreme weather
15 events which will adversely impact agricultural production.

16 (3) Although the reduction of greenhouse gases will require the
17 action of all nations, it is the intent of the legislature that the
18 overall greenhouse gas emissions attributed to Washington is reduced.

1 (4) Motor vehicles are one of the largest contributors to
2 greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.120 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 On or before December 31, 2005, the department shall adopt rules,
6 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW, to implement
7 the light duty motor vehicle emission standards of the state of
8 California, and shall amend these rules from time to time, in
9 accordance with changes in emission standards in California. These
10 regulations shall be applicable to motor vehicles with a model year
11 2009 and later. Rules shall incorporate by reference the California
12 motor vehicle emission standards set forth in final regulations issued
13 by the California air resources board pursuant to title 13 of the
14 California code of regulations and promulgated under the authority of
15 division 26 of the California health and safety code, as may be amended
16 from time to time. Nothing in this section limits the department's
17 authority to regulate motor vehicle emissions for any class of vehicle.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 After adoption of rules specified in section 2 of this act, no
21 vehicle shall be registered in the state for model year 2009 or later
22 unless the vehicle: (1) Is consistent with the vehicle emission
23 standards adopted by the department of ecology; or (2) has seven
24 thousand five hundred miles or more. The department of licensing, in
25 consultation with the department of ecology, may adopt rules necessary
26 to implement this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** 1991 c 199 s 229 (uncodified) is repealed.

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