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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle emission inspections; and amending
2 RCW 70.120.170.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.120.170 and 1991 c 199 s 208 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall administer a system for emission
7 inspections of all motor vehicles registered within the boundaries of
8 each emission contributing area. Under such system a motor vehicle
9 shall be inspected biennially except where an annual program would be
10 required to meet federal law and prevent federal sanctions. ((In
11 addition, motor vehicles shall be inspected at each change of
12 registered owner of a licensed vehicle.))

13 (2) The director shall:

14 (a) Adopt procedures for conducting emission inspections of motor
15 vehicles. The inspections may include idle and high revolution per
16 minute emission tests. The emission test for diesel vehicles shall
17 consist solely of a smoke opacity test.

18 (b) Adopt criteria for calibrating emission testing equipment.
19 Electronic equipment used to test for emissions standards provided for

1 in this chapter shall be properly calibrated. The department shall
2 examine frequently the calibration of the emission testing equipment
3 used at the stations.

4 (c) Authorize, through contracts, the establishment and operation
5 of inspection stations for conducting vehicle emission inspections
6 authorized in this chapter. No person contracted to inspect motor
7 vehicles may perform for compensation repairs on any vehicles. No
8 public body may establish or operate contracted inspection stations.
9 Any contracts must be let in accordance with the procedures established
10 for competitive bids in chapter 43.19 RCW.

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

14 (a) Auditing;

15 (b) Contractor evaluation;

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

18 (d) Public information and education.

19 (4)(a) The director shall establish by rule the fee to be charged
20 for emission inspections. The inspection fee shall be a standard fee
21 applicable state-wide or throughout an emission contributing area and
22 shall be no greater than eighteen dollars. Surplus moneys collected
23 from fees over the amount due the contractor shall be paid to the state
24 and deposited in the general fund. Fees shall be set at the minimum
25 whole dollar amount required to (i) compensate the contractor or
26 inspection facility owner, and (ii) offset the general fund
27 appropriation to the department to cover the administrative costs of
28 the motor vehicle emission inspection program.

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

37 (5) All units of local government and agencies of the state with
38 motor vehicles garaged or regularly operated in an emissions
39 contributing area shall test the emissions of those vehicles annually

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

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