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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; and amending RCW 70.120.170.

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

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

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

12 (2) The director shall:

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

17 (b) Adopt criteria for calibrating emission testing equipment.
18 Electronic equipment used to test for emissions standards provided for
19 in this chapter shall be properly calibrated. The department shall

1 examine frequently the calibration of the emission testing equipment
2 used at the stations.

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

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

13 (a) Auditing;

14 (b) Contractor evaluation;

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

17 (d) Public information and education.

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

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

36 (5) All units of local government and agencies of the state with
37 motor vehicles garaged or regularly operated in an emissions
38 contributing area shall test the emissions of those vehicles annually
39 to ensure that the vehicle's emissions comply with the emission

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

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