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By Senators Finkbeiner, Kline, Fraser and Kohl-Welles

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Energy & Water.

1 AN ACT Relating to ultra-fuel-efficient vehicles; and amending RCW
2 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 months of the date of application for the vehicle license
15 or license renewal. Certificates for fleet or owner tested diesel
16 vehicles may have a date of validation which is within twelve months of
17 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 or ultra-fuel-efficient gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles.
7 As used in this section, "ultra-fuel-efficient" means a vehicle that
8 averages greater than fifty miles per gallon of fuel;

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

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

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

15 (g) Used vehicles which are offered for sale by a motor vehicle
16 dealer licensed under chapter 46.70 RCW;

17 (h) Classes of motor vehicles exempted by the director of the
18 department of ecology;

19 (i) Collector cars as identified by the department of licensing
20 under RCW 46.16.305(1); or

21 (j) Beginning January 1, 2000, vehicles that are less than five
22 years old or more than twenty-five years old.

23 The provisions of (a) of this subsection may not be construed as
24 exempting from the provisions of subsection (1) of this section
25 applications for the renewal of licenses for motor vehicles that are or
26 have been leased.

27 (3) The department of ecology shall provide information to motor
28 vehicle owners regarding the boundaries of emission contributing areas
29 and restrictions established under this section that apply to vehicles
30 registered in such areas. In addition the department of ecology shall
31 provide information to motor vehicle owners on the relationship between
32 motor vehicles and air pollution and steps motor vehicle owners should
33 take to reduce motor vehicle related air pollution. The department of
34 licensing shall send to all registered motor vehicle owners affected by
35 the emission testing program notice that they must have an emission
36 test to renew their registration.

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