

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6365

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Environment, Water & Energy, January 27, 2010

Title: An act relating to motor vehicle emission standards.

Brief Description: Exempting the motor vehicles of certain residents who are members of the armed services from the provisions of chapter 70.120A RCW.

Sponsors: Senators Swecker and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Environment, Water & Energy: 1/27/10 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, WATER & ENERGY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Rockefeller, Chair; Honeyford, Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Fraser, Holmquist, Marr, Morton, Oemig and Ranker.

Staff: Jan Odano (786-7486)

Background: In 2005 the Legislature adopted the California motor vehicle emission standards. Beginning with the 2009 model, new vehicles (cars, light duty trucks, and passenger vehicles) must meet these emission standards to be registered, leased, rented, licensed, or sold for use in Washington. A new vehicle must meet these standards unless it is consistent with the emission standards adopted by the Department of Ecology or has 7,500 miles or more. A person who purchases a vehicle out-of-state that does not meet the emission standards will not be able to register, license, rent, or sell it for use in Washington.

Summary of Bill: The provisions of the motor vehicle emission standards do not apply to the use of a motor vehicle that is obtained and used by a resident of Washington while serving as a member of the armed services in another state.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Many states that have adopted the California emission standards provide exemptions to military personnel. The department can administratively provide this exemption, but feels that it would be better to have it in statute.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Swecker, prime sponsor; Marsh Taylor, Ecology