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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting collectible vehicles from emission
2 test requirements; amending RCW 46.16A.060; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.04 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16A.060 and 2011 c 114 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
8 appointed by the director may not issue or renew a motor vehicle
9 registration or change the registered owner of a registered vehicle for
10 any motor vehicle required to be inspected under chapter 70.120 RCW,
11 unless the application for issuance or renewal is: (a) Accompanied by
12 a valid certificate of compliance or a valid certificate of acceptance
13 issued as required under chapter 70.120 RCW; or (b) exempt, as
14 described in subsection (2) of this section. The certificates must
15 have a date of validation that is within twelve months of the assigned
16 registration renewal date. Certificates for fleet or owner tested
17 diesel vehicles may have a date of validation that is within twelve
18 months of the assigned registration renewal date.

1 (2) The following motor vehicles are exempt from emission test
2 requirements:

3 (a) Motor vehicles that are less than five years old or more than
4 twenty-five years old;

5 (b) Motor vehicles that are a 2009 model year or newer;

6 (c) Motor vehicles powered exclusively by electricity, propane,
7 compressed natural gas, or liquid petroleum gas;

8 (d) Motorcycles as defined in RCW 46.04.330 and motor-driven cycles
9 as defined in RCW 46.04.332;

10 (e) Farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.181;

11 (f) Street rod vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.572 and custom
12 vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.161;

13 (g) Used vehicles that are offered for sale by a motor vehicle
14 dealer licensed under chapter 46.70 RCW;

15 (h) Classes of motor vehicles exempted by the director of the
16 department of ecology; (~~and~~)

17 (i) Hybrid motor vehicles that obtain a rating by the environmental
18 protection agency of at least fifty miles per gallon of gas during city
19 driving. For purposes of this section, a hybrid motor vehicle is one
20 that uses propulsion units powered by both electricity and gas; and

21 (j) Collectible vehicles as defined in section 2 of this act.

22 (3) The department of ecology shall provide information to motor
23 vehicle owners:

24 (a) Regarding the boundaries of emission contributing areas and
25 restrictions established under this section that apply to vehicles
26 registered in such areas; and

27 (b) On the relationship between motor vehicles and air pollution
28 and steps motor vehicle owners should take to reduce motor vehicle
29 related air pollution.

30 (4) The department of licensing shall:

31 (a) Notify all registered motor vehicle owners affected by the
32 emission testing program that they must have an emission test to renew
33 their registration;

34 (b) Adopt rules implementing and enforcing this section, except for
35 subsection (2)(e) of this section, as specified in chapter 34.05 RCW.

36 (5) A motor vehicle may not be registered, leased, rented, or sold
37 for use in the state, starting with the model year as provided in RCW
38 70.120A.010, unless the vehicle:

1 (a) Has seven thousand five hundred miles or more; or

2 (b)(i) Is consistent with the vehicle emission standards and carbon
3 dioxide equivalent emission standards adopted by the department of
4 ecology; and

5 (ii) Has a California certification label for all emission
6 standards, and carbon dioxide equivalent emission standards necessary
7 to meet fleet average requirements.

8 (6) The department of licensing, in consultation with the
9 department of ecology, may adopt rules necessary to implement this
10 section and may provide for reasonable exemptions to these
11 requirements. The department of ecology may exempt public safety
12 vehicles from meeting the standards where the department finds that
13 vehicles necessary to meet the needs of public safety agencies are not
14 otherwise reasonably available.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 "Collectible vehicle" means a vehicle that complies with the
18 following:

19 (1) Is of unique or rare design, of limited production, and an
20 object of curiosity;

21 (2) Is maintained primarily for use in car club activities,
22 exhibitions, parades, or other functions of public interest or for a
23 private collection, and is used only infrequently for other purposes;
24 and

25 (3) Has collectible vehicle or classic automobile insurance
26 coverage that restricts the collectible vehicle mileage or use, or
27 both, and requires the owner to have another vehicle for personal use.

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