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1 AN ACT Relating to removing the delegation of authority related
2 to California motor vehicle emissions standards to generate new
3 transportation revenue for the state by reducing administration
4 burdens on the government and the people; adding a new section to
5 chapter 70A.15 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 70A.30.010
6 and 70A.30.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The delegation of authority related to
9 California motor vehicle emissions standards has caused unintended
10 consequences. Individuals have not been able to register vehicles
11 that meet federal manufacturing standards that they own. From
12 September 2023 to September 2024, the department of licensing had to
13 grant 407,541 exemptions to the policy so that vehicles could be
14 registered, at additional time and resources for the people, vehicle
15 subagents, and the governmental organizations that administer vehicle
16 registrations. The state benefits when every vehicle that operates on
17 the public roads is legally registered and when government operates
18 in an efficient manner. The legislature intends to improve the lives
19 of all of the people who had to seek an exemption and all of the
20 workers who do not want to tell people they cannot register their
21 vehicles because of California motor vehicle emissions standards.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are
2 each repealed:

3 (1) RCW 70A.30.010 (Department of ecology to adopt rules to
4 implement California motor vehicle emission standards) and 2020 c 143
5 s 1, 2020 c 20 s 1366, 2010 c 76 s 1, & 2005 c 295 s 2; and

6 (2) RCW 70A.30.030 (New vehicle greenhouse gas emissions
7 disclosure—Rule-making authority) and 2020 c 143 s 2, 2014 c 76 s 8,
8 & 2008 c 32 s 2.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.15
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 Nothing in this chapter may be interpreted to provide authority
12 to the department to adopt any motor vehicle emissions standard of
13 the state of California.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of licensing is directed to
15 start licensing vehicles that were prohibited due to California motor
16 vehicle emissions standards if they otherwise meet state
17 requirements.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of ecology is directed to
19 repeal any rules that implement the California motor vehicle
20 emissions standards or were based on the statutory authority repealed
21 in this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
24 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
25 effect immediately.

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