
HOUSE BILL 1802

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1 AN ACT Relating to collector vehicles; amending RCW 46.16.015; and
2 adding new sections to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) An individual may purchase up to two collector vehicles per
7 year that are production vehicles manufactured by a major vehicle
8 manufacturer that meet the following criteria:

- 9 (a) Are rated for at least forty miles per gallon;
10 (b) Are not currently produced in the United States; and
11 (c) The purchaser is not a vehicle dealer and the vehicle is not
12 purchased for resale.

13 (2) The department shall title and register these vehicles as
14 collector vehicles regardless of age along with issuing collector
15 license plates. The payment of the initial fees as required under this
16 chapter and the additional special license plate fee established by the
17 department are valid for the life of the vehicle for which the
18 application is approved by the department.

1 (3) Before the 2014 legislative session, the joint legislative
2 audit and review committee shall review and recommend to the
3 legislature whether to maintain or repeal this section.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 If a collector vehicle as described under section 1 of this act
7 becomes a production vehicle in the United States or if section 1 of
8 this act is repealed, the collector vehicle will retain its collector
9 vehicle status.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.015 and 2002 c 24 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) Neither the department of licensing nor its agents may issue or
13 renew a motor vehicle license for any vehicle or change the registered
14 owner of a licensed vehicle, for any vehicle that is required to be
15 inspected under chapter 70.120 RCW, unless the application for issuance
16 or renewal is: (a) Accompanied by a valid certificate of compliance or
17 a valid certificate of acceptance issued pursuant to chapter 70.120
18 RCW; or (b) exempted from this requirement pursuant to subsection (2)
19 of this section. The certificates must have a date of validation which
20 is within six months of the date of application for the vehicle license
21 or license renewal. Certificates for fleet or owner tested diesel
22 vehicles may have a date of validation which is within twelve months of
23 the assigned license renewal date.

24 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the following
25 vehicles:

26 (a) New motor vehicles whose equitable or legal title has never
27 been transferred to a person who in good faith purchases the vehicle
28 for purposes other than resale;

29 (b) Motor vehicles with a model year of 1967 or earlier;

30 (c) Motor vehicles that use propulsion units powered exclusively by
31 electricity;

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

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

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

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

4 (h) Classes of motor vehicles exempted by the director of the
5 department of ecology;

6 (i) Collector cars as identified by the department of licensing
7 under RCW 46.16.305(1);

8 (j) Beginning January 1, 2000, vehicles that are less than five
9 years old or more than twenty-five years old; (~~(e)~~)

10 (k) Hybrid motor vehicles that obtain a rating by the environmental
11 protection agency of at least fifty miles per gallon of gas during city
12 driving. For purposes of this section, a hybrid motor vehicle is one
13 that uses propulsion units powered by both electricity and gas; or

14 (l) Collector vehicles in production in countries outside the
15 United States that are rated for at least forty miles per gallon.

16 The provisions of (a) of this subsection may not be construed as
17 exempting from the provisions of subsection (1) of this section
18 applications for the renewal of licenses for motor vehicles that are or
19 have been leased.

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

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