

## CHAPTER 237

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3497]

VEHICLES USING ALTERNATIVE FUELS—REFLECTIVE PLACARDS  
REQUIRED—EXEMPT FROM EMISSION CONTROL INSPECTIONS

AN ACT Relating to passenger motor vehicles fueled by propane gas; amending section 11, chapter 163, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 176, Laws of 1980 and RCW 46.16.015; adding a new section to chapter 46.37 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that vehicles using alternative fuel sources such as propane, compressed natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, or other hydrocarbon gas fuels require fire fighters to use a different technique if the vehicles catch fire. A reflective placard on such vehicles would warn fire fighters of the danger so they could react properly.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 46.37 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Every automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor home, or off-road vehicle that is fueled by propane gas shall bear a reflective placard indicating that the vehicle is so fueled. Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction.

(2) As used in this section "propane gas" includes propane, compressed natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, or any chemically similar gas but does not include gasoline or diesel fuel.

(3) The vehicle identification decal required by the national fire protection association and designed by the national LP gas association shall be required to be displayed on all propane fueled vehicles.

Sec. 3. Section 11, chapter 163, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 176, Laws of 1980 and RCW 46.16.015 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Neither the department of licensing nor its agents may issue or renew a motor vehicle license for any vehicle registered in an emission contributing area, as that area is established under RCW 70.120.040, unless the application for issuance or renewal is: (a) Accompanied by a valid certificate of compliance issued pursuant to RCW 70.120.060, 70.120.080, or 70.120.090 or a valid certificate of acceptance issued pursuant to RCW 70.120.070; or (b) exempted from this requirement pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. The certificates must have a date of validation which is within ninety days of the date of application for the vehicle license or license renewal. Certificates for fleet vehicles may have a date of validation which is within twelve months of the assigned license renewal date.

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

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

(b) Motor vehicles fifteen years old or older;

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

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

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

~~((e))~~ (f) Motor vehicles powered by diesel engines;

~~((f))~~ (g) Farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.181; or

~~((g))~~ (h) Motor vehicles exempted by the director of the department of ecology.

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

(3) The department of licensing shall mail to each owner of a vehicle registered within an emission contributing area a notice regarding the boundaries of the area and restrictions established under this section that apply to vehicles registered in such areas. The information for the notice shall be supplied to the department of licensing by the department of ecology. Such a notice shall be mailed to the owner ninety days prior to the expiration date of the owner's motor vehicle license.

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## CHAPTER 238

[Senate Bill No. 3857]

### MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL INSPECTIONS—CERTAIN USED VEHICLES EXEMPT

AN ACT Relating to emission control inspections for used cars; amending section 11, chapter 163, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 176, Laws of 1980 and RCW 46.16.015; repealing section 9, chapter 163, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 70.120.090; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

\*Sec. 1. Section 11, chapter 163, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 176, Laws of 1980 and RCW 46.16.015 are each amended to read as follows: