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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1802**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Simpson, Sullivan, and Moeller)

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

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;

11 (c) Meet or exceed federal clean air standards at the time of  
12 importation; and

13 (d) The purchaser is not a vehicle dealer and the vehicles are not  
14 purchased for resale.

15 (2) The department shall title and register these vehicles as  
16 collector vehicles regardless of age along with issuing collector  
17 license plates. The vehicles must display collector license plates on  
18 the front and rear of the vehicle, except for motorcycles and scooters  
19 which must display one collector license plate on the rear of the

1 vehicle. The payment of the initial fees as required under this  
2 chapter and the additional special license plate fee established by the  
3 department are valid for the life of the vehicle for which the  
4 application is approved by the department.

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

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9 this act is repealed, the collector vehicle will retain its collector  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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 (h) Classes of motor vehicles exempted by the director of the  
7 department of ecology;

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act applies to registrations due or to  
33 become due on or after January 1, 2010.

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