

SENATE BILL NO. 386—SENATORS MANENDO, DENIS, KIHUEN,
PARKS, FARLEY; ATKINSON, FORD, GUSTAVSON, HARRIS,
LIPPARELLI, ROBERSON, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPEARMAN
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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to motor vehicles.
(BDR 40-675)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions governing
the conduct of the inspection of certain motor vehicles for
compliance with pollution control device and exhaust
emissions standards; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law the State Environmental Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Motor Vehicles and any local pollution control agency, is required to adopt regulations for: (1) the control of emissions from motor vehicles in certain areas of any county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties); and (2) the control of emissions from motor vehicles in certain areas of any county whose population is less than 100,000 if certain determinations about feasibility, practicality and air quality are made by the Commission. (NRS 445B.770) The Department, in cooperation with the Commission, is required to adopt regulations which prescribe the manner in which authorized inspection stations, authorized stations and fleet stations inspect motor vehicles and issue evidence of compliance with the pollution control device and exhaust emissions standards prescribed by the Commission. (NRS 445B.785) This bill requires that a person conducting such an inspection first look to see if the malfunction illumination light, commonly known as the "check engine light," is on while the engine is running. If the light is on, the inspector must end the inspection and notify the person who brought the motor vehicle for inspection that: (1) the malfunction illumination light is on; (2) the motor vehicle will not pass the inspection with that light on; and (3) there will be no charge for the inspection because the inspection cannot proceed while the malfunction illumination light is on.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 445B.785 is hereby amended to read as follows:

445B.785 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall, in cooperation with the Commission, adopt regulations which:

(a) Prescribe requirements for licensing authorized inspection stations, authorized maintenance stations, authorized stations and fleet stations. The regulations adopted pursuant to this paragraph must provide that a facility licensed as an authorized inspection station:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2) ~~and paragraph (b)~~, may not, unless specifically authorized by the Commission, install, repair, diagnose or adjust any component or system of a motor vehicle that affects exhaust emissions.

(2) May perform the following activities in connection with a motor vehicle:

(I) The changing of oil;

(II) The replacing of an oil filter, air filter, fuel filter, belt or hose; and

(III) The servicing of a fuel injection system using methods approved by the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(b) Prescribe the manner in which authorized inspection stations, authorized stations and fleet stations inspect motor vehicles and issue evidence of compliance. *The regulations must require, without limitation, that the person conducting the inspection look first to see if the malfunction illumination light is on when the engine of the motor vehicle is running and, if so, to end the inspection and inform the person who brought the vehicle in for inspection that:*

(1) The malfunction illumination light is on;

(2) The vehicle will not pass the inspection if the malfunction illumination light is on; and

(3) There will be no charge for the inspection because the inspection cannot proceed while the malfunction illumination light is on.

(c) Prescribe the diagnostic equipment necessary to perform the required inspection. The regulations must ensure that:

(1) The equipment complies with any applicable standards of the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

(2) Use of the equipment is specifically authorized by the Commission.



1 (d) Provide for any fee, bond or insurance which is necessary to
2 carry out the provisions of NRS 445B.700 to 445B.815, inclusive.

3 (e) Provide for the issuance of a pamphlet for distribution to
4 owners of motor vehicles. The pamphlet must contain information
5 explaining the reasons for and the methods of the inspections.

6 2. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue a copy of the
7 regulations to each authorized inspection station, authorized
8 maintenance station, authorized station and fleet station.

9 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

