

SENATE BILL NO. 386—SENATORS MANENDO, DENIS, KIHUEN,
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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 relating to
authorized inspection stations that conduct inspections 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:

1 Under existing law the State Environmental Commission, in cooperation with
2 the Department of Motor Vehicles and any local pollution control agency, is
3 required to adopt regulations for: (1) the control of emissions from motor vehicles
4 in certain areas of any county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark
5 and Washoe Counties); and (2) the control of emissions from motor vehicles in
6 certain areas of any county whose population is less than 100,000 if certain
7 determinations about feasibility, practicality and air quality are made by the
8 Commission. (NRS 445B.770) The Department, in cooperation with the
9 Commission, is required to adopt regulations which prescribe the manner in which
10 authorized inspection stations, authorized stations and fleet stations inspect motor
11 vehicles and issue evidence of compliance with the pollution control device and
12 exhaust emissions standards prescribed by the Commission. (NRS 445B.785) This
13 bill provides that the regulations adopted by the Department, in cooperation with
14 the Commission, must require that each authorized inspection station display
15 conspicuously, in an area of the inspection station frequented by persons seeking
16 inspection of a motor vehicle, a sign informing such persons that a motor vehicle
17 likely will not pass the inspection if the malfunction illumination light, commonly
18 known as the "check engine light," is on while the engine is running. Additionally,
19 this bill provides that the regulations must require an employee or agent of each
20 authorized inspection station, before conducting an inspection of a motor vehicle, to



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inform the person seeking the inspection that the motor vehicle likely will not pass the inspection if the malfunction illumination light is on while the engine is running.

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), 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.

(3) Shall display conspicuously, in areas of the authorized inspection station frequented by persons seeking an inspection of a motor vehicle, a sign that:

(I) Informs such persons that a motor vehicle likely will not pass the inspection if the malfunction illumination light is on when the engine of the motor vehicle is running; and

(II) Conforms to any regulations adopted by the Department and the Commission relating to the size and placement of the sign.

(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 an employee or agent of each authorized inspection station, before conducting an inspection of a motor vehicle, inform the person who is seeking the inspection that the motor vehicle likely will not pass the inspection if the malfunction***



illumination light is on when the engine of the motor vehicle is running.

(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.

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

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

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

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

