

HB 697 -- Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing

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Under this bill, emissions testing on certain motor vehicles will not be required prior to a sale or transfer if the testing and approval occurred within 90 days immediately preceding the sale or transfer.

The bill exempts from emissions testing motor vehicles within four years of the specific model year and motor vehicles owned by persons 65 years of age or older with not more than 5,000 miles per year on the odometer of the vehicle since its last emissions testing.

Vehicles which fail emissions standards testing may be repaired by the owner or a mechanic of the owner's choice and are not required to be performed by a recognized repair technician. The waiver amount by the Clean Air Commission will include the labor cost associated with the repairs.

The Department of Natural Resources is required to consult and negotiate with the federal Environment Protection Agency regarding any rule changes which may adversely impact the state's compliance with the federal Clean Air Act. The Joint Interim Committee on Emissions is established to operate in the 2005 legislative interim. Any proposed rules to be promulgated or modified will be sent to the committee by September 1, 2005. The committee will provide its recommendations on any proposed rule by November 1, 2005.