

MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee recommended this bill.

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to motor vehicle emissions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the penalty for violating the motor vehicle visible emissions limits; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-1626, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1626** is amended to read:

41-6a-1626. Mufflers -- Prevention of noise, smoke, and fumes -- Air pollution control devices.



28 (1) (a) A vehicle shall be equipped, maintained, and operated to prevent excessive or
29 unusual noise.

30 (b) A motor vehicle shall be equipped with a muffler or other effective noise
31 suppressing system in good working order and in constant operation.

32 (c) A person may not use a muffler cut-out, bypass, or similar device on a vehicle.

33 (2) (a) Except while the engine is being warmed to the recommended operating
34 temperature, the engine and power mechanism of a:

35 (i) gasoline-powered motor vehicle may not emit visible contaminants during
36 operation;

37 (ii) diesel engine manufactured on or after January 1, 1973, may not emit visible
38 contaminants of a shade or density darker than 20% opacity; and

39 (iii) diesel engine manufactured before January 1, 1973, may not emit visible
40 contaminants of a shade or density darker than 40% opacity.

41 (b) A person who violates the provisions of Subsection (2)(a) is guilty of:

42 (i) a class C misdemeanor[?] for a first offense; or

43 (ii) a class B misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

44 (3) (a) [~~A~~] If a motor vehicle is equipped by a manufacturer with air pollution control
45 devices [~~shall maintain~~], the devices shall be maintained in good working order and in constant
46 operation.

47 (b) For purposes of the first sale of a vehicle at retail, an air pollution control device
48 may be substituted for the manufacturer's original device if the substituted device is at least as
49 effective in the reduction of emissions from the vehicle motor as the air pollution control
50 device furnished by the manufacturer of the vehicle as standard equipment for the same vehicle
51 class.

52 (c) A person who renders inoperable an air pollution control device on a motor vehicle
53 is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

54 (4) Subsection (3) does not apply to a motor vehicle altered and modified to use clean
55 fuel, as defined under Section 59-13-102, when the emissions from the modified or altered
56 motor vehicle are at levels that comply with existing state or federal standards for the emission
57 of pollutants from a motor vehicle of the same class.

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