

SB 936 -- MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS

SPONSOR: Griesheimer (Lembke)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows motorists to operate their vehicle for 30 days beyond the vehicle's registration expiration for the purposes of resetting the vehicle's readiness monitors and passing the on-board diagnostic emission inspection. Motorists must keep a copy of the most recent failing diagnostic test results in their vehicle to present to law enforcement. Motorists will still be required to pay any late registration penalties.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows people to legally operate their vehicle past the registration expiration period in order to get their vehicle repaired or retested. The time required to obtain parts and other equipment to fix a vehicle often extend beyond the date of expiration.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Griesheimer.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.