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Senate Bill 906 (Substitute S-2 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Ken Sikkema

Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Act to allow a person to become certified as a specialty mechanic for repairs on pre-1973 motor vehicles if that person passed an examination developed by the administrator or a private entity and adopted by the administrator. ("Administrator" means the Secretary of State or his or her designee.) Within 90 days after the bill's effective date, the administrator would have to develop or adopt an examination for specialty mechanic certification in the pre-1973 motor vehicle repair category for an individual engaged, for compensation, in the repair of a motor vehicle manufactured before 1973 or the reconditioning, replacement, adjustment, or alteration of the operating condition of any component or subassembly of a motor vehicle manufactured before 1973.

Under the Act, a person may become certified as a specialty mechanic if that person has passed an examination that the administrator determines is an adequate test of a person's ability to perform certain types of motor vehicle repair. The repair categories include engine repair, automatic transmission, manual transmission and rear axle, front end, brakes, electrical systems, heating and air conditioning, and engine tune-up. The bill would add pre-1973 motor vehicle to the categories.

Currently, a person may apply for and receive a master mechanic's certificate if that person is qualified as a specialty mechanic in all categories of vehicle repair. The bill specifies that the specialty category for repair on pre-1973 motor vehicles would not be necessary for a master's mechanic's certificate.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The State could incur administrative costs for the administration of the testing program. The State also could incur contracting costs for the development of certification exams. Because the cost of development is unknown, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

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