**Section 5040.210 Fuel Economy Standards**

All new passenger automobiles purchased or leased by any State entity or used passenger automobiles obtained from Property Control (including inter-agency transfer) must be rated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as meeting the minimum average fuel economy for the model year of the automobile, in miles per gallon, imposed upon manufacturers of vehicles pursuant to the federal government's average fuel economy standards (49 U.S.C. 32903).

a) Requests for Exceptions: Exceptions to the mileage standards must be submitted by the purchasing agency to the State entity's State Purchasing Officer for final approval. The approved exception must be retained by the purchasing agency.

b) Approved Exceptions: Approved exceptions must be identified on the Agency Fleet Request form provided by CMS and shall be signed by the agency head of the requesting agency.

c) Evaluation of Exception Request: No exception request shall be submitted to the State Purchasing Officer for final approval without a justification statement explaining why a non-compliant vehicle is necessary in order to carry out the functions of the requesting agency.

d) CMS may provide suggestions of more economical alternatives to the agency head.

e) Rental Vehicles: Agency personnel renting vehicles from private firms are to utilize the most fuel-efficient vehicle available from the rental firm that meets agency needs.

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