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1 AN ACT Relating to storage of anhydrous ammonia; and amending RCW
2 69.55.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.55.020 and 2002 c 133 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of the crime of unlawful storage of ammonia
7 if the person possesses, transports, or delivers ((pressurized))
8 ammonia gas or ((pressurized)) ammonia gas solution in a container that
9 ((1) is not approved by the United States department of transportation
10 to hold ammonia, or (2) was not constructed to meet state and federal
11 industrial health and safety standards for holding ammonia)): (a) Is
12 not conspicuously and legibly marked with the words "ammonia solution"
13 or "ammonia, anhydrous"; (b) is not conspicuously and legibly marked
14 with the words "poisonous gas" or "flammable gas"; (c) is not
15 conspicuously and legibly marked with the proper United Nations
16 identification number; (d) has fittings that contain brass, copper, or
17 galvanized steel; or (e) allows ammonia gas to escape from the
18 container when any valve or other fitting is in the closed, shut, or
19 off position.

1 (2) Violation of this section is a class C felony.

2 (3) This section does not apply to public employees or private
3 contractors authorized to clean up and dispose of hazardous waste or
4 toxic substances under chapter 70.105 or 70.105D RCW or to solid waste
5 haulers and their employees who unknowingly possess, transport, or
6 deliver pressurized ammonia gas or pressurized ammonia gas solution
7 during the course of the performance of their duties.

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