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By Representatives Takko and Blake

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1 AN ACT Relating to unlawful storage of ammonia; amending RCW
2 69.55.020; and prescribing penalties.

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 ammonia
8 gas or pressurized ammonia gas solution in a container that ~~((1))~~;
9 (a) Is not approved by the United States department of transportation
10 to hold ammonia(~~(, or (2))~~); (b) was not constructed to meet state and
11 federal industrial health and safety standards for holding ammonia; (c)
12 is not conspicuously and legibly marked with the proper United Nations
13 identification number; (d) has fittings that contain brass, copper, or
14 galvanized steel; (e) allows ammonia gas to escape from the container
15 when any valve or other fitting is in the closed, shut, or off
16 position; or (f) does not contain a lock on the valve or other fitting
17 as to help prevent the theft of the pressurized ammonia gas or gas
18 solution.

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

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

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