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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1984**

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**By** House Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Finn, Armstrong, Upthegrove, and Wood)

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1            AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle air conditioning equipment; and  
2 amending RCW 46.37.470.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.470 and 1987 c 330 s 726 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) (~~The term~~) "Air conditioning equipment," as used or referred  
7 to in this section (~~shall~~), means mechanical vapor compression  
8 refrigeration equipment which is used to cool the driver's or passenger  
9 compartment of any motor vehicle.

10            (2) Such equipment shall be manufactured, installed, and maintained  
11 with due regard for the safety of the occupants of the vehicle and the  
12 public and shall not contain any refrigerant which is toxic to persons  
13 or which is flammable, unless the refrigerant is included in the list  
14 published by the United States environmental protection agency, as it  
15 exists on the effective date of this section, as a safe alternative  
16 motor vehicle air conditioning substitute for chlorofluorocarbon-12  
17 under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 7671k(c).

18            (3) The state patrol may adopt and enforce safety requirements,  
19 regulations, and specifications consistent with the requirements of

1 this section applicable to such equipment which shall correlate with  
2 and, so far as possible, conform to the current recommended practice or  
3 standard applicable to such equipment approved by the society of  
4 automotive engineers.

5 (4) No person shall have for sale, offer for sale, sell, or equip  
6 any motor vehicle with any such equipment unless it complies with the  
7 requirements of this section.

8 (5) No person shall operate on any highway any motor vehicle  
9 equipped with any air conditioning equipment unless said equipment  
10 complies with the requirements of this section.

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