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HOUSE BILL 1135

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By Representatives Finn, Armstrong, and Upthegrove

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1            AN ACT Relating to refrigerants for motor vehicles; and amending  
2 RCW 46.37.470.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.470 and 2009 c 256 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

10            (2) (~~Such~~) Air conditioning equipment (~~shall~~) must be  
11 manufactured, installed, and maintained with due regard for the safety  
12 of the occupants of the vehicle and the public (~~and shall~~). Air  
13 conditioning equipment may not contain any refrigerant (~~which~~) that  
14 is toxic to persons or (~~which~~) that is flammable, unless the  
15 refrigerant is (~~included in the list published by the United States~~  
16 ~~environmental protection agency, as it exists on July 26, 2009, as a~~  
17 ~~safe alternative motor vehicle air conditioning substitute for~~  
18 ~~chlorofluorocarbon 12 under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 7671k(e)~~) allowed under the

1 department of ecology's motor vehicle emission standards adopted under  
2 RCW 70.120A.010.

3 (3) The state patrol may (~~adopt and~~) enforce safety requirements,  
4 regulations, and specifications consistent with the requirements of  
5 this section applicable to (~~such~~) air conditioning equipment which  
6 (~~shall~~) must correlate with and, so far as possible, conform to the  
7 current recommended practice or standard applicable to (~~such~~) air  
8 conditioning equipment approved by the society of automotive engineers.

9 (4) (~~No~~) A person (~~shall~~) may not have for sale, offer for  
10 sale, sell, or equip any motor vehicle with any (~~such~~) air  
11 conditioning equipment unless it complies with the requirements of this  
12 section.

13 (5) (~~No~~) A person (~~shall~~) may not operate on any highway any  
14 motor vehicle equipped with any air conditioning equipment unless  
15 (~~said~~) the equipment complies with the requirements of this section.

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