

HOUSE BILL NO. 270
INTRODUCED BY BERGREN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF FLAMMABLE REFRIGERANTS IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Air conditioning equipment -- use of flammable refrigerant prohibited.

(1) Air conditioning equipment must be ~~manufactured, installed, and~~ maintained with due regard for the safety of the occupants of the vehicle, service technicians, and the public. Air conditioning equipment may not contain any refrigerant that is flammable.

(2) A person may not equip a motor vehicle or special mobile equipment with air conditioning equipment that does not comply with the requirements of this section.

(3) As used in this section, "air conditioning equipment" means mechanical, belt-driven, vapor compression refrigerant equipment that is used to cool the driver's compartment or passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, as defined in 61-1-102, or special mobile equipment, as defined in 61-1-104.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 9, part 4, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 9, part 4, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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