



AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OR SALE OF REFRIGERANTS IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF SAFE ALTERNATIVE AIR CONDITIONING SUBSTITUTES PUBLISHED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Air conditioning equipment -- use of flammable refrigerant prohibited. (1) Air conditioning equipment must be maintained with due regard for the safety of the occupants of the vehicle, service technicians, and the public.

(2) Air conditioning equipment may contain only refrigerant that has been included in the list published by the United States environmental protection agency as a safe alternative motor vehicle air conditioning substitute for chlorofluorocarbon-12 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7671k(c).

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

(4) As used in [section 2] and 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.

Section 2. Air conditioning equipment -- sale prohibited. (1) Refrigerant not allowed to be used pursuant to [section 1] may not be sold for use in motor vehicles in Montana.

(2) Motor vehicles and special mobile equipment with air conditioning equipment that have refrigerants not allowed in [section 1], if installed prior to [the effective date of this act], are not subject to any penalties provided for under Title 61, chapter 9.

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 and 2] are 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 [sections 1 and 2].

Section 4. 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].

Section 5. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0270, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 270
INTRODUCED BY BERGREN

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