

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1319**

Introduced by

Representatives Vigesaa, Ruby

Senator G. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-21-45 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to air-conditioning equipment in motor vehicles; and to declare an emergency.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-21-45 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **39-21-45. Air-conditioning equipment.**

- 7 1. The term "air-conditioning equipment", as used or referred to in this section, means  
8 mechanical vapor compression refrigeration equipment which is used to cool the  
9 driver's or passenger compartment of any motor vehicle.
- 10 2. Air-conditioning equipment must be manufactured, installed, and maintained with due  
11 regard for the safety of the occupants of the vehicle and the public and may not  
12 contain any refrigerant which is toxic to persons or which is flammable, unless the  
13 refrigerant is included in the list published by the United States environmental  
14 protection agency as a safe alternative motor vehicle air-conditioning substitute for  
15 chlorofluorocarbon-12, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7671k(c).
- 16 3. The department may adopt and enforce safety requirements, rules, and specifications  
17 consistent with the requirements of this section applicable to equipment which must  
18 correlate with and, so far as possible, conform to the current recommended practice or  
19 standard applicable to air-conditioning equipment approved by the society of  
20 automotive engineers.
- 21 4. No person may have for sale, offer for sale, sell, or equip any motor vehicle with any  
22 air-conditioning equipment unless it complies with the requirements of this section.

- 1        5.    No person may operate on any highway any motor vehicle equipped with any  
2            air-conditioning equipment unless the equipment complies with the requirements of  
3            this section.

4        **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.