

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1457

5 By: Representatives Simmons, Johnson, and Cunningham  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS AS  
10 A REFRIGERANT IN MOBILE AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

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14 "TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF LIQUEFIED  
15 PETROLEUM GAS AS A REFRIGERANT IN MOBILE  
16 AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Title 15, Chapter 75, Subchapter 4 of the Arkansas Code is  
22 amended by inserting an additional section at the end thereof to read as  
23 follows:

24 "15-75-408. (a) For purposes of this section, mobile air conditioning  
25 system means mechanical vapor compression equipment which is used to cool the  
26 drivers or passenger compartment of a motor vehicle.

27 (b) It is unlawful to distribute, sell or use any refrigerant  
28 containing liquefied petroleum gas for use in mobile air conditioning systems.

29 (c) Any person, as defined in 15-75-102, who has introduced liquefied  
30 petroleum gas into any mobile air conditioning system prior to the effective  
31 date of this act shall identify to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board the name  
32 and address of the owner of the mobile air conditioning system, the date the  
33 liquefied petroleum gas was introduced into the system, and the location where  
34 the procedure occurred.

35 (d) It is not the intent of this section to prevent the use of  
36 liquefied petroleum gas or a liquefied petroleum gas product for the purpose

1 of heating or cooling the cargo portion of any motor vehicle.

2 (e) The penalties prescribed in 15-75-103 and 15-75-323 shall apply to  
3 violations of this section and the provisions of 15-75-104 relating to actions  
4 of the board to enjoin violations shall be applicable with respect to  
5 violations of this section."

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7 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
8 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
9 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
18 hereby repealed.

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20 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
21 Assembly that the use of liquefied petroleum gas as a refrigerant in mobile  
22 air conditioning systems is extremely dangerous; that the protection of the  
23 public demands that the practice be stopped as soon as possible; and that this  
24 act would prohibit that practice. Therefore an emergency is declared to exist  
25 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
26 peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by  
27 the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it  
28 shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which  
29 the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the  
30 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house  
31 overrides the veto.

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/s/Rep. Simmons et al

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