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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Vehicles-compressed gas propulsion-prescribe identification label)

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This bill requires vehicles propelled by compressed or liquified gases to use a prescribed label for identification. Its purpose is to alert fire fighters and other emergency personnel to the extra-ordinary hazards which may arise from proximity with this fuel.

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SENATE, No. 210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Senator CAUFIELD

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles and supplementing article 3 of chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. a. No person shall drive upon a public highway, road or street
2 a motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this State and
3 powered primarily or secondarily by a compressed or liquified
4 gaseous fuel unless the vehicle is identified with a weather resistant
5 diamond shaped label which may be obtained from the Division of
6 Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety or
7 from a gas industry source.

8 b. A fee may be charged for the label. The amount of the fee shall
9 be established by rule and regulation of the Director of the Division
10 of Motor Vehicles and shall not exceed the reasonable cost of pre-
11 paration and distribution.

1 2. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may promul-
2 gate rules and regulations governing the placement and appearance
3 of the label in addition to the following requirements:

4 a. The label shall be located on an exterior vertical or near
5 vertical surface on the lower right rear of the vehicle, but not on the
6 bumper, and toward the center and away from any other markings.

7 b. The label shall contain a border and one inch minimum height
8 letters centered in the diamond.

9 c. The markings shall be of a silver or white reflective luminous
10 material on a black background and the letters shall indicate the
11 type of compressed or liquified gas used as fuel for the vehicle.

1 3. The vehicle identification required in this act shall, at the time
2 of an inspection pursuant to this Title, be inspected for compliance
3 with the provisions of this act.

1 4. Any person who fails to comply with sections 1 and 2 of this
2 act following an inspection shall be subject to the penalties of R. S.
3 39:8-9.

1 5. a. Any person requested to supply the compressed or liquified
2 gaseous fuel for any vehicle covered under this act shall refuse to
3 provide the fuel unless the vehicle for which the fuel is intended
4 displays the label required herein.

5 b. Any person who violates subsection a. of this section shall be
6 liable for a penalty of \$25.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for
7 each subsequent offense which may be collected in accordance with
8 "the penalty enforcement law" (N. J. S. 2A:58-1 et seq.) by the
9 Attorney General.

1 6. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Depart-
2 ment of Law and Public Safety shall periodically publicize the pro-
3 visions of this act following its enactment.

1 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
2 after enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill requires vehicles propelled by compressed or liquified gases to use a prescribed label for identification. Its purpose is to alert fire fighters and other emergency personnel to the extraordinary hazards which may arise from proximity with this fuel.

ASSEMBLY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 210

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 30, 1984

Senate Bill No. 210 requires that a motor vehicle which is registered or principally garaged in this State and which is propelled by compressed or liquefied gas be identified by means of a diamond shaped label indicating the type of compressed or liquefied gas used as fuel for the vehicle. This label would alert firefighters and other emergency personnel to the extraordinary hazards that may arise from proximity to this type of fuel.

An identification label would be obtained, for a fee, from the Division of Motor Vehicles or a gas industry source. The amount of the fee is not to exceed the reasonable cost incurred for the preparation and distribution of the identification labels. The bill also contains requirements for the placement of a label on a motor vehicle as well as for the design and wording of a label.

Compliance with the labeling requirements of this bill is to be determined regularly at the time when the motor vehicle is submitted for an inspection as required by law. Penalties for failure to comply with the labeling requirements are set forth in R. S. 39:8-9, the section of law which prescribes the penalties for failure to comply with motor vehicle inspection laws. For a first offense, a violator is to be fined not more than \$100.00. For a second offense, the violator is to be fined not more than \$200.00 or imprisoned for not less than 30 days, or both.

Under the bill, a person is prohibited from supplying the type of fuel covered by this bill unless the motor vehicle displays the required identification label. The provisions of the bill are to be periodically publicized by the Division of Motor Vehicles.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 1984

Senate Bill No. 210 would require motor vehicles registered or principally garaged in this State and propelled by compressed or liquified gases to bear an identification label. Such a label would alert firefighters and other emergency personnel to the extraordinary hazards that might arise from proximity to this type of fuel.

The identification labels would be obtainable from the Division of Motor Vehicles or a gas industry source, and a fee could be charged for them.

The bill would require the labels to be on the exterior surface of the lower, right rear of the vehicle. The bill also contains requirements for the shape and material of the labels, as well as the information that must appear on them.

A vehicle's compliance with the act would be established at regular vehicle inspections. Penalties for failure to comply with the labeling requirements following an inspection are contained in R. S. 39:8-9, which sets forth penalties for failure to comply with motor vehicle inspection laws. For a first offense, a violator is subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 and for a second offense, to a fine of not more than \$200.00, imprisonment for not less than 30 days, or both.

The bill prohibits a person from supplying the types of fuel covered by the act unless the vehicle displays the required label. Violation of this provision is punishable by a fine of \$25.00 for a first offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense.

The bill would require the Division of Motor Vehicles periodically to publicize the provisions of the act.



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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation which requires vehicles powered by compressed or liquified gaseous fuels to carry a special identifying sticker.

The bill, S-210, was sponsored by State Senator John P. Caufield, D-Essex. It specifies a weather resistant diamond-shaped silver and black sticker to be located on the rear of the vehicle indicating the type of gas used as fuel in the vehicle.

The intent of the law is to alert fire fighters or emergency workers to the special hazards that may be associated with such fuels.

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