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Amends GS 143-215.111 to require the NC Environmental Management Commission to adopt rules to implement a low-emission vehicle program that is functionally equivalent to California's program. The rules will apply to new light-duty cars (defined in bill) and light-duty trucks (defined in bill) of the 2009 model year and to all motor vehicles of 2010 model year and each year thereafter. Amends GS 143-58.6, GS 136-28.15, and GS 143-341 to require vehicles purchased by a state department or agency, a community college, a local school administrative unit, the Department of Transportation, or the Department of Administration to comply with the new low-emissions rules. Amends GS 20-54.2 to require the Division of Motor Vehicles to refuse to issue a certificate of title or registration of a motor vehicle subject to low-emission rules that does not meet those rules. Also allows the Governor to exempt certain motor vehicles from the rules. Prohibits individuals from acquiring, purchasing, selling, or leasing a vehicle or vehicle engine that is subject to but does not comply with the low-emissions rules. Adds definitions and makes conforming changes to GS 143-215.107C. Makes conforming changes to GS 20-183.2 (safety inspections). Appropriates $10,000 for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to implement the adoption of the rules and $10,000 for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation to implement the requirement that state agencies review and revise bid procedures to comply with low-emission requirements. Effective July 1, 2007, except provisions regarding the title and registration of low-emission vehicles effective January 1, 2009.

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