

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

SENATE BILL 1277
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL VEHICLES TRANSFERRED TO OR PURCHASED BY THE STATE THAT ARE DESIGNED TO OPERATE ON DIESEL FUEL SHALL BE COVERED BY AN EXPRESS MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY THAT ALLOWS THE USE OF B-20 FUEL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 15A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-351.11. Manufacturer's warranty for State motor vehicles that operate on diesel fuel.

Every new motor vehicle purchased by the State that is designed to operate on diesel fuel shall be covered by an express manufacturer's warranty that allows the use of B-20 fuel, as defined in G.S. 143-58.4. This section does not apply if the intended use, as determined by the agency, of the new motor vehicle requires a type of vehicle for which an express manufacturer's warranty allows the use of B-20 fuel is not available."

SECTION 2. G.S. 143-341(8)i. reads as rewritten:

"i. To establish and operate a central motor pool and such subsidiary related facilities as the Secretary may deem necessary, and to that end:

2. To acquire passenger motor vehicles by transfer from other State agencies and by purchase. All motor vehicles transferred to or purchased by the Department shall become part of a central motor pool. Every new motor vehicle transferred to or purchased by the Department that is designed to operate on diesel fuel shall be covered by an express manufacturer's warranty that allows the use of B-20 fuel, as defined in G.S. 143-58.4. This sub-sub-subdivision does not apply if the intended use, as determined by the Department, of the new motor vehicle requires a type of vehicle for which an express manufacturer's warranty allows the use of B-20 fuel is not available.

SECTION 3. Article 2 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 136-28.15. Diesel vehicles purchase warranty requirement.

Every new motor vehicle transferred to or purchased by the Department of Transportation that is designed to operate on diesel fuel shall be covered by an express manufacturer's warranty that allows the use of B-20 fuel, as defined in G.S. 143-58.4. This section does not apply if the intended use, as determined by the Department, of the new motor vehicle requires a type of vehicle for which an express manufacturer's warranty allows the use of B-20 fuel is not available."

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective 1 January 2008 and applies to motor vehicles transferred to or purchased by the State on or after that date.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 31st day of July, 2007.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2007