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H 1290. NC CLEAN CARS PROGRAM. Filed 4/8/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN CARS PROGRAM.*

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 all motor vehicles beginning with the 2012 model year, and the bill specifically mentions light-duty cars and light-duty trucks, as defined in the bill. Enacts new GS 143-58.6, GS 136-28.16, and amends 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. Enacts 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). Effective July 1, 2009, except provisions regarding the title and registration of low emission vehicles effective January 1, 2012.

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