



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 312
[2013 Assembly Bill 695]

Ozone Depleting Refrigerants

State law imposes various requirements on the use of ozone-depleting refrigerants (ODRs) in motor vehicle air conditioners. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administers these provisions.

Federal law also regulates the use of ODRs, including prohibiting a person from servicing a motor vehicle air conditioner unless the person is “properly trained and certified,” which is defined as training and certification in conformity with standards established by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

2013 Wisconsin Act 312 eliminates requirements that had previously been imposed on DATCP, including a duty to promulgate rules establishing qualifications for persons who use equipment for removing or recycling ODRs from motor vehicle air conditioners, and a requirement for DATCP to issue annual certifications for installing or servicing motor vehicle air conditioners. Instead, the Act prohibits a person from servicing a motor vehicle air conditioner containing an ODR unless the person is properly trained and certified as specified by the EPA. In addition, under the Act, a person may sell ODRs for use in motor vehicle air conditioners only to resellers and persons who are EPA trained and certified. Also, the Act allows persons to transfer unreclaimed ODRs removed from motor vehicle air conditioners only to DATCP-recognized reclamation facilities or to persons who are EPA trained and certified.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.