

2007 SENATE BILL 503

February 19, 2008 – Introduced by Senator GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives LEMAHIEU, KESTELL, HAHN, VOS, ALBERS, GOTTLIEB and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 100.45 (5e) of the statutes; **relating to:** regulating substitutes
2 for ozone-depleting refrigerants used in mobile air conditioners.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law imposes certain restrictions on the sale, installation, and recovery of ozone-depleting refrigerants used in air conditioners in motor vehicles (mobile air conditioners). These restrictions currently include: 1) prohibiting the sale of a container of an ozone-depleting refrigerant in a container that contains less than 15 pounds of the refrigerant; and 2) prohibiting repair of a mobile air conditioner that may release ozone-depleting refrigerants unless the person performing the repair holds a registration certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (department); pumps any ozone-depleting refrigerant removed from the mobile air conditioner into storage tanks; and recycles the stored refrigerant or transfers it to another person for recycling.

Current law also authorizes the department to promulgate rules providing that the restrictions applicable to ozone-depleting refrigerants also apply with respect to substances used as substitutes for ozone-depleting refrigerants. This bill prohibits the department from promulgating or enforcing such rules.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

