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- 1 AN ACT Relating to anhydrous ammonia; adding a new chapter to Title
- 2 15 RCW; and prescribing penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A person is quilty of the crime of unlawful
- 5 possession of anhydrous ammonia if the person possesses anhydrous
- 6 ammonia with the intent to use such anhydrous ammonia in the
- 7 manufacture of a controlled substance as defined in chapter 69.50 RCW.
- 8 Violation of this section is a class C felony.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A person is guilty of the crime of unlawful
- 10 storage of anhydrous ammonia if the person possesses anhydrous ammonia
- 11 in a container that is not approved by the United States department of
- 12 transportation to hold anhydrous ammonia. Violation of this section is
- 13 a class C felony.
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** Any damages arising out of the unlawful
- 15 possession of, storage of, or tampering with anhydrous ammonia or
- 16 anhydrous ammonia equipment shall be the sole responsibility of the
- 17 unlawful possessor, storer, or tamperer. In no case shall liability

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- 1 for damages arising out of the unlawful possession of, storage of, or
- 2 tampering with anhydrous ammonia or anhydrous ammonia equipment extend
- 3 to the owner, installer, maintainer, designer, manufacturer, or seller
- 4 of the anhydrous ammonia or anhydrous ammonia equipment, unless such
- 5 damages arise out of the owner's, installer's, maintainer's,
- 6 designer's, manufacturer's, or seller's acts or omissions that
- 7 constitute negligent misconduct to abide by the laws regarding
- 8 anhydrous ammonia possession and storage.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
- 10 a new chapter in Title 15 RCW.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
- 12 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
- 13 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
- 14 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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