
SENATE BILL 6014

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By Senator Conner

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1 AN ACT Relating to the noise levels of certain heat pumps; adding
2 a new section to chapter 70.107 RCW; creating a new section; and
3 prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
6 performance standards set by the department may not permit the
7 operation of certain heat pumps in some locations. The legislature
8 further finds that mitigating measures are available but not well
9 known.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.107 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) After July 1, 1992, any heat pump sold or distributed in this
13 state shall carry a warning sign in the form set forth in subsection

1 (2) of this section which clearly informs consumers that the pump may
2 not meet noise standards in all locations. This sign shall be in the
3 form of a sticker located in a visible and prominent position on the
4 carton and also on the unit. The sign shall be at least one hundred
5 forty-four square inches in size, and the print shall be in at least
6 twenty-four-point type.

7 (2) CONSUMER WARNING! HEAT PUMPS PRODUCE NOISE LEVELS WHICH MAY
8 NOT BE APPROVED IN YOUR AREA. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS
9 BEFORE PURCHASING OR INSTALLING A HEAT PUMP. INFORMATION ON WAYS TO
10 REDUCE HEAT PUMP NOISE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
11 PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY.

12 (3) Any person who furnishes a heat pump for sale, lease, or
13 distribution of any kind in violation of this section is subject to the
14 civil penalty in RCW 70.107.050. The violation of this section is a
15 misdemeanor.