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SENATE BILL 1277  
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Short Title: State Diesel Vehicles' Warranties/B-20 Fuel.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL VEHICLES TRANSFERRED TO OR  
PURCHASED BY THE STATE THAT ARE DESIGNED TO OPERATE ON  
DIESEL FUEL SHALL BE COVERED BY AN EXPRESS MANUFACTURER'S  
WARRANTY THAT ALLOWS THE USE OF B-20 FUEL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 15A of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended  
by adding a new section to read:

**§ 20-351.11. Manufacturer's warranty for State motor vehicles that operate on  
diesel fuel.**

Every new motor vehicle purchased by the State that is designed to operate on diesel  
fuel shall be covered by an express manufacturer's warranty that allows the use of B-20  
fuel, as defined in G.S. 143-58.4. This section does not apply if the intended use, as  
determined by the agency, of the new motor vehicle requires a type of vehicle for which  
an express manufacturer's warranty allows the use of B-20 fuel is not available."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 143-341(8)i. reads as rewritten:

"i. To establish and operate a central motor pool and such  
subsidiary related facilities as the Secretary may deem  
necessary, and to that end:

...

2. To acquire passenger motor vehicles by transfer from  
other State agencies and by purchase. All motor vehicles  
transferred to or purchased by the Department shall  
become part of a central motor pool. Every new motor  
vehicle transferred to or purchased by the Department  
that is designed to operate on diesel fuel shall be covered  
by an express manufacturer's warranty that allows the

1 use of B-20 fuel, as defined in G.S. 143-58.4. This  
2 sub-sub-subdivision does not apply if the intended use,  
3 as determined by the Department, of the new motor  
4 vehicle requires a type of vehicle for which an express  
5 manufacturer's warranty allows the use of B-20 fuel is  
6 not available.

7 ...."

8 **SECTION 3.** Article 2 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by  
9 adding a new section to read:

10 **"§ 136-28.15. Diesel vehicles purchase warranty requirement.**

11 Every new motor vehicle transferred to or purchased by the Department of  
12 Transportation that is designed to operate on diesel fuel shall be covered by an express  
13 manufacturer's warranty that allows the use of B-20 fuel, as defined in G.S. 143-58.4.  
14 This section does not apply if the intended use, as determined by the Department, of the  
15 new motor vehicle requires a type of vehicle for which an express manufacturer's  
16 warranty allows the use of B-20 fuel is not available."

17 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective 1 January 2008 and applies to  
18 motor vehicles transferred to or purchased by the State on or after that date.