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S 688. NC LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM. Filed 3/18/09. *TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM.*

Amends GS 143-215.111 to require the NC Environmental Management Commission to adopt rules to implement a low-emission vehicle program that is functionally equivalent to California's program. The rules will apply to new light-duty cars (defined in bill) and light-duty trucks (defined in bill) of the 2012 model year and to all motor vehicles of the 2012 model year and each year thereafter. Enacts GS 143-58.6 and GS 136-28.16, and amends GS 143-341 to require vehicles purchased by a state department or agency, a community college, a local school administrative unit, a political subdivision of the State, the Department of Transportation, or the Department of Administration to comply with the new low-emissions rules. Enacts GS 20-54.2 to require the Division of Motor Vehicles to refuse to issue a certificate of title or registration of a motor vehicle subject to low-emission rules that does not meet those rules. Also allows the Governor to exempt certain motor vehicles from the rules. Prohibits individuals from acquiring, purchasing, selling, or leasing a vehicle or vehicle engine that is subject to but does not comply with the low-emissions rules. Adds definitions and makes conforming changes to GS 143-215.107C. Makes conforming changes to GS 20-183.2 (safety inspections). Effective July 1, 2009, except provisions regarding safety inspections and the title and registration of low-emission vehicles are effective January 1, 2012.

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