LEGISLATIVE BILL 163
Approved by the Governor March 8, 1999

Introduced by Hilgert, 7

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998; to prohibit the use of liquefied petroleum gas as a refrigerant; to provide a penalty; to provide duties for the State Fire Marshal and peace officers as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998, is amended to read:

28-101. Sections 28-101 to 28-1348 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Criminal Code.

Sec. 2. (1) The distribution, sale, or use of refrigerants containing liquefied petroleum gas for use in mobile air conditioning systems is prohibited.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) Liquefied petroleum gas means material composed predominantly of any of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures of such hydrocarbons: Propane, propylene, butanes (normal butane or isobutane), and butylenes;

(b) Mobile air conditioning system means mechanical vapor compression equipment which is used to cool the driver or passenger compartment of any motor vehicle; and

(c) Motor vehicle has the same meaning as in section 60-638.

(3) Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

(4) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for enforcement of this section and, together with peace officers of the state and its political subdivisions, is charged with enforcement of this section.

Sec. 3. Original section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998, is repealed.