

HB 3447 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure requires retail sellers of nitrous oxide to require identification or online electronic software to verify that a buyer is 18 years of age or older. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal: Minimal Impact

Revenue: No Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- availability for use in car racing
- impacts on bulk ordering and acceptance of those orders

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Nitrous oxide (N₂O), commonly known as laughing gas, is a type of short-acting sedative. It's a colorless, slightly sweet-smelling gas that you breathe in through a mask or nosepiece. Physicians and Dentists have been using nitrous oxide since the mid-19th century. It's still one of the most common inhaled sedatives used today. It's fast-acting and it wears off quickly. It has several uses in the automotive industry and the culinary industry that make it available over the counter.