

HB 3447 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. McIntire

House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Action Date: 03/04/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-1-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Chaichi, Chotzen, Gomberg, Neron, Osborne, Reschke, Sosa, Wallan, Walters

Nays: 1 - Cate

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure requires retail sellers of nitrous oxide canisters to require identification or online electronic software to verify that a buyer is 18 years of age or older for sales made on or after January 1, 2026.

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 is 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 is still one of the most common inhaled sedatives used today. It is fast-acting and wears off quickly. It has several uses in the automotive industry and the culinary industry that make it available to purchase over the counter.