

**HB 3447 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Labor and Business**

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**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.

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), 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.

In 2017, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3030, which prohibits businesses that make retail sales of nitrous oxide canisters from which an individual may directly inhale nitrous oxide from selling or delivering nitrous oxide canisters to an individual under age 18.

House Bill 3447 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.