



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 663

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 663 requires engine coolant or antifreeze that is sold in Wisconsin and that contains more than 10% ethylene glycol to also contain, as a bittering agent, denatonium benzoate in a concentration between 30 and 50 parts per million. The engine coolant or antifreeze manufacturer must maintain a record of the trade name, scientific name, and active ingredients of any bittering agent used in the engine coolant or antifreeze, and must make the record available to the public upon request.

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Exemption from Liability for Damage to Natural Resources

The bill exempts a manufacturer, processor, distributor, recycler, or seller of an engine coolant or antifreeze from liability for any of the following occurrences caused by the inclusion of denatonium benzoate in the engine coolant or antifreeze in a concentration required in the bill:

- Personal injury.
- Death.
- Property damage.
- Environmental damage.
- Economic loss.

Senate Amendment 1 clarifies that the liability exemption under the bill includes an exemption against liability for damage to natural resources.

Delayed Effective Date

Senate Amendment 1 specifies that the provisions of the bill do not take effect until January 1, 2012.

Legislative History

Senate amendment 1 was offered on April 20, 2010, by Representative Plale. On April 21, 2010, the Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges and Consumer Protection recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on successive votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 1.

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