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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Coal tar sealant or sealcoat is a commercial product generally used to maintain and protect driveway and parking lot asphalt pavement. Coal tar sealants contain high concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Beginning on January 1, 2021, 2019 Senate Bill 716 prohibits selling, offering for sale, applying, or otherwise using any coal tar-based sealant product or a sealant product that contains more than .1 percent PAH by weight. The bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to grant an exemption from those prohibitions to either of the following, upon request: (1) a person who is researching the effects of either product on the environment; (2) a person who is developing an alternative technology if the use of either product is required for research or development.

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Senate Amendment 1 retains the prohibitions regarding selling, offering for sale, and applying coal tar-based sealant products and high-PAH sealant products, but it removes the prohibition on “otherwise using” such sealants.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Cowles offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 30, 2020. On February 5, 2020, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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