



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 381
[2009 Assembly Bill 842]

**Bittering Agents in Certain Engine
Coolants and Anti-Freeze**

Under 2009 Wisconsin Act 381:

- Any engine coolant or antifreeze that is sold within this state and that contains more than 10% ethylene glycol, must contain, as a bittering agent, denatonium benzoate in a concentration of not less than 30 parts per million nor more than 50 parts per million.
- A manufacturer of an engine coolant or antifreeze described above must: (1) maintain a record of the trade name, scientific name, and active ingredients of any bittering agent used in the engine coolant or antifreeze; and (2) make the record available to the public upon request.
- A manufacturer, processor, distributor, recycler, or seller of an engine coolant or antifreeze that is described above *is not liable* to any person for any personal injury, death, property damage, environmental damage, including damage to natural resources, or economic loss caused by the inclusion of denatonium benzoate in the engine coolant or antifreeze, *if the denatonium benzoate is present in a concentration required above.*
- This new provision *does not apply* to the sale of a motor vehicle that contains engine coolant or antifreeze or to antifreeze *sold in containers with a capacity of 55 gallons or more.*
- A person who violates this new provision may be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 90 days or fined not more than \$1,500 or both.

Effective date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 381 takes effect on January 1, 2012.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.