

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5660

As of February 2, 1999

Title: An act relating to placing aversive agents in antifreeze.

Brief Description: Requiring that antifreeze be made unpalatable to humans and animals.

Sponsors: Senators Fairley and Kohl-Welles.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Agriculture & Rural Economic Development:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Bob Lee (786-7404)

Background: The Poison Prevention Act is administered by the Department of Agriculture. This act adopts rules and regulations adopted under the federal Poison Prevention Packaging Act.

The act requires such things as special packaging of household substances. Household substances means any hazardous substance which is customarily produced or distributed for sale for consumption or use and is stored by individuals in the household.

Special packaging is required for some products so that it is difficult for children under five years old to open or obtain a toxic or harmful substance within a reasonable time.

Summary of Bill: Antifreeze products containing at least 10 percent ethylene glycol and manufactured or sold in this state after July 1, 2000, must contain an aversive agent to render the product unpalatable to humans and animals.

The Department of Agriculture may order the removal from retail shelf space any antifreeze products not complying with this requirement.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 1, 1999.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.