
SENATE BILL 6611

State of Washington

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By Senators Fairley and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale of antifreeze; adding new sections to
2 chapter 70.54 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that antifreeze
5 containing ethylene glycol poses a threat to the health and well-being
6 of children and animals. According to the American association of
7 poison control centers, about three thousand four hundred poisonings
8 related to ethylene glycol occur each year with about twenty percent of
9 these involving children under age six. The legislature further finds
10 that a phased-in ban on the use of ethylene glycol in antifreeze will
11 improve the general welfare of children and animals in the state.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) After January 1, 2001, an antifreeze product sold in this state
15 may not contain more than sixty-seven percent ethylene glycol.

16 (2) After January 1, 2003, an antifreeze product sold in this state
17 may not contain more than thirty-three percent ethylene glycol.

1 (3) After January 1, 2004, an antifreeze product sold in this state
2 may not contain ethylene glycol.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The secretary of health is authorized to forbid the sale, and
6 order the removal from retail space, of any product the secretary
7 believes to be in violation of section 1 of this act.

8 (2) The secretary of health is authorized to adopt rules concerning
9 the sale of antifreeze products under this section and section 1 of
10 this act.

11 (3) A violation of this section or section 1 of this act, or the
12 rules adopted under this section or section 1 of this act, is a
13 misdemeanor.

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