

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5978

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As of February 22, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to consumer rebates.

**Brief Description:** Establishing certain consumer rebate requirements.

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen and Kohl-Welles.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 2/23/09.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

**Staff:** Alison Mendiola (786-7483)

**Background:** Consumer rebates are a type of sales promotion used by marketers, used primarily as incentives to product sales. Mail-in rebates are a common type of rebate which requires the consumer to submit information such as a coupon or receipt in order to receive a check for a particular amount, depending on factors such as the particular product, time, and place of purchase.

**Summary of Bill:** Any person who offers a consumer rebate is to allow a minimum of fourteen days from the date the consumer purchases the product, or becomes eligible for the rebate upon satisfying the terms and conditions of the offer, for the submission of a request for redemption by the customer.

The rebate is to be sent to the customer within sixty days and if the rebate is sent as a check, the check is to be mailed in a way that identifies the piece of mail as the anticipated rebate.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

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