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SENATE BILL 5794

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State of Washington

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By Senator Fairley

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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. It further finds that a phased-in ban on the  
7 use of ethylene glycol in antifreeze will improve the general welfare  
8 of children and animals in the state.

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

11 (1) After January 1, 2000, an antifreeze product sold in this state  
12 may not contain more than sixty-seven percent ethylene glycol.

13 (2) After January 1, 2002, an antifreeze product sold in this state  
14 may not contain more than thirty-three percent ethylene glycol.

15 (3) After January 1, 2003, an antifreeze product sold in this state  
16 may not contain ethylene glycol.

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

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

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

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

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