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HOUSE BILL NO. 2629

Offered January 23, 2009

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 59.1-155.1, relating to an antifreeze bittering agent; penalty.*

Patron—Cox

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 59.1-155.1 as follows:

§ 59.1-155.1. Engine coolant and antifreeze bittering agent; penalty.

A. Any engine coolant or antifreeze manufactured or sold within the Commonwealth that contains more than 10 percent ethylene glycol shall include not less than 30 parts per million and not more than 50 parts per million denatonium benzoate as a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable.

B. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may adopt regulations permitting the use of a bittering agent other than denatonium benzoate if such alternative can be shown to (i) render engine coolant or antifreeze unpalatably bitter; (ii) be compatible with the functional use of engine coolant or antifreeze; and (iii) have no unreasonable adverse effect on the environment.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) the sale of a motor vehicle that contains engine coolant or antifreeze or (ii) a wholesale container of engine coolant or antifreeze that contains 55 gallons or more of engine coolant or antifreeze.

D. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be assessed a civil penalty of up to \$100 per violation. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2010.

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