

State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Bill 842

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2009 WISCONSIN ACT 381

AN ACT to create 100.383 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring bittering agents in certain engine coolants and antifreeze and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 100.383 of the statutes is created to read:

100.383 Antifreeze; bittering required. (1) Any engine coolant or antifreeze that is sold within this state and that contains more than 10 percent ethylene glycol, shall contain, as a bittering agent, denatonium benzoate in a concentration of not less than 30 parts per million nor more than 50 parts per million.

(2) A manufacturer of an engine coolant or antifreeze described in sub. (1) shall maintain a record of the trade name, scientific name, and active ingredients of any bittering agent used in the engine coolant or antifreeze, and shall make the record available to the public upon request.

(3) Notwithstanding s. 100.38, a manufacturer, processor, distributor, recycler, or seller of an engine coolant

or antifreeze that is described in sub. (1) is not liable to any person for any personal injury, death, property damage, environmental damage, including damage to natural resources, or economic loss caused by the inclusion of denatonium benzoate in the engine coolant or antifreeze, if the denatonium benzoate is present in a concentration required in sub. (1).

(4) This section does not apply to the sale of a motor vehicle that contains engine coolant or antifreeze or to antifreeze sold in containers with a capacity of 55 gallons or more.

(5) A person who violates this section may be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 90 days or fined not more than \$1,500 or both.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on January 1, 2012.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007-08 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].