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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the sale of  
engine coolant and antifreeze

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section  
2     399-j to read as follows:  
3     S 399-J. ENGINE COOLANT AND ANTIFREEZE. 1. ANY ENGINE COOLANT OR ANTI-  
4     FREEZE SOLD IN THIS STATE THAT IS MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER JULY FIRST,  
5     TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, AND THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN TEN PERCENT ETHYLENE  
6     GLYCOL, SHALL INCLUDE DENATONIUM BENZOATE AT A MINIMUM OF THIRTY PARTS  
7     PER MILLION AND A MAXIMUM OF FIFTY PARTS PER MILLION AS A BITTERING  
8     AGENT WITHIN THE PRODUCT SO AS TO RENDER IT UNPALATABLE. ANY MANUFACTUR-  
9     ER OR PACKAGER OF A PRODUCT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL MAINTAIN A  
10    RECORD OF THE TRADE NAME, SCIENTIFIC NAME, AND ACTIVE INGREDIENTS OF ANY  
11    BITTERING AGENT USED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. INFORMATION AND DOCUMEN-  
12    TATION MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE FURNISHED TO ANY  
13    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.  
14    2. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO THE SALE OF A MOTOR  
15    VEHICLE THAT CONTAINS ENGINE COOLANT OR ANTIFREEZE, NOR TO WHOLESALE  
16    CONTAINERS OF ENGINE COOLANT OR ANTIFREEZE CONTAINING FIFTY-FIVE GALLONS  
17    OR MORE OF ENGINE COOLANT OR ANTIFREEZE.  
18    3. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERMS "ENGINE COOLANT" AND "ANTI-  
19    FREEZE" SHALL MEAN ANY ENGINE COOLANT OR ANTIFREEZE THAT CONTAINS MORE  
20    THAN TEN PERCENT ETHYLENE GLYCOL.  
21    4. A MANUFACTURER, PROCESSOR, DISTRIBUTOR, RECYCLER, OR SELLER OF AN  
22    ENGINE COOLANT OR ANTIFREEZE THAT IS REQUIRED TO CONTAIN A BITTERING  
23    AGENT UNDER SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ANY  
24    PERSON FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, DAMAGE TO THE  
25    ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING NATURAL RESOURCES), OR ECONOMIC LOSS THAT RESULTS

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 FROM THE INCLUSION OF DENATONIUM BENZOATE IN ANY ENGINE COOLANT OR ANTI-  
2 FREEZE, PROVIDED THAT THE INCLUSION OF DENATONIUM BENZOATE IS PRESENT IN  
3 CONCENTRATIONS MANDATED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. THE LIMITA-  
4 TION ON LIABILITY PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO A  
5 PARTICULAR LIABILITY TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CAUSE OF SUCH LIABILITY IS  
6 UNRELATED TO THE INCLUSION OF DENATONIUM BENZOATE IN ANY ENGINE COOLANT  
7 OR ANTIFREEZE.

8 S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.