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Engine Coolant and Antifreeze Bittering Agent Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** Senate

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 24, 2005
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 24, 2005
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		May 26, 2005
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 28, 2005
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Jun 30, 2005
Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 12, 2005
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Jul 20, 2005
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Jul 25, 2005
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 12, 2005
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 26, 2005
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 1, 2005
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 8, 2005
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 5, 2006
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 21, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 18, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2567	Related bill	<b>Dec 8, 2006:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 433.

## Summary (as of Mar 14, 2006)

Engine Coolant and Antifreeze Bittering Agent Act of 2005 - Amends the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to: (1) commence an evaluation to determine whether there is evidence that the use of the bittering agent denatonium benzoate in engine coolant or antifreeze has an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment; and (2) publish its findings in the Federal Register.

Requires engine coolant or antifreeze that is manufactured 180 days or more after publication of the Commission's findings and that contains more than 10% ethylene glycol to include a specified concentration of denatonium benzoate to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable unless the Commission finds evidence that denatonium benzoate has an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment. Allows the Commission to permit use of an alternative bittering additive in lieu of denatonium benzoate if the Commission finds that it is as effective as denatonium benzoate and there is no evidence of an unreasonable adverse environmental effect.

Defines the term "unreasonable adverse effect on the environment" to mean an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment, taking into account the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits.

Deems any engine coolant or antifreeze that is not in compliance with this Act to be a banned hazardous substance.

Requires a coolant or antifreeze manufacturer to maintain records of active ingredients of bittering agents.

Limits the liability of manufacturers, processors, distributors, recyclers, or sellers of engine coolant or antifreeze related to the inclusion of denatonium benzoate in compliance with this Act. Declares that the Act does not exempt manufactures or distributors of denatonium benzoate or an alternative bittering additive from liability related to such additive.

Preempts state or local laws that impose different requirements relating to the inclusion of a bittering agent in engine coolant or antifreeze. Declares this Act inapplicable to: (1) the sale of a motor vehicle that contains engine coolant or antifreeze; or (2) wholesale containers of 55 gallons or more of engine coolant or antifreeze.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 14, 2006:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Stevens with amendments. With written report No. 109-220. Minority views filed.
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- **Nov 17, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 18, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-377.
- **May 24, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.