

**FISCAL MEMORANDUM
SB 2399 – HB 2808**

February 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013767): Changes the definition of bittering agent to mean denatonium benzoate. Deletes Section 2 of the original bill. Requires all antifreeze that is sold in Tennessee which is manufactured after January 1, 2009 and containing at least 10% ethylene glycol to contain a bittering agent. Creates a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine of \$50 per violation. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,500

Increase Local Gov't. Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The provisions of this bill do not apply to the sale of a motor vehicle that contains engine coolant or antifreeze.
- The original bill applied to all antifreeze sold in Tennessee on or after January 1, 2009. The bill as amended applies to all antifreeze sold in Tennessee that is manufactured after January 1, 2009.
- If denatonium benzoate is determined to be unsuitable or unsafe by a federal or state authority, the Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to determine a bittering agent replacement.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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James W. White, Executive Director

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