

Senate Bill No. 509

CHAPTER 560

An act to add Article 14 (commencing with Section 25251) to Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of, and to repeal and add Section 25251 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous materials.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 509, Simitian. Hazardous materials: toxic substances.

Existing law establishes the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in the California Environmental Protection Agency, with powers and duties regarding, among other things, hazardous waste disposal, underground storage of hazardous substances and waste, and the handling and release of hazardous materials.

The bill would require the department to establish a Toxics Information Clearinghouse for the collection, maintenance, and distribution of specific chemical hazard traits and environmental and toxicological end-point data. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment would be required, by January 1, 2011, to evaluate and specify the hazard traits and environmental and toxicological end-points and any other relevant data that are to be included in the clearinghouse.

This bill provides that this act would become effective only if Assembly Bill 1879 is enacted on or before January 1, 2009.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 14 (commencing with Section 25251) is added to Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Article 14. Green Chemistry

25251. For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Clearinghouse" means the Toxics Information Clearinghouse established pursuant to Section 25256.

(b) "Council" means the California Environmental Policy Council established pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 71017 of the Public Resources Code.

(c) "Office" means Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

(d) "Panel" means the Green Ribbon Science Panel established pursuant to Section 25254.

(e) “Consumer product” means a product or part of the product that is used, brought, or leased for use by a person for any purposes. “Consumer product” does not include any of the following:

(1) A dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022 of the Business of Professions Code.

(2) Dental restorative materials as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1648.20 of the Business and Professions Code.

(3) A device as defined in Section 4023 of the Business of Professions Code.

(4) A food as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 109935.

(5) The packaging associated with any of the items specified in paragraph (1), (2), or (3).

(6) A pesticide as defined in Section 12753 of the Food and Agricultural Code or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 and following).

(7) Mercury-containing lights defined as mercury-containing lamps, bulbs, tubes, or other electric devices that provide functional illumination.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before December 31, 2011, deletes or extends that date.

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(f) This section shall become effective on January 1, 2012.

25256. The department shall establish the Toxics Information Clearinghouse, which shall provide a decentralized, Web-based system for

the collection, maintenance, and distribution of specific chemical hazard trait and environmental and toxicological end-point data. The department shall make the clearinghouse accessible to the public through a single Internet Web portal, and, shall, to the maximum extent possible, operate the clearinghouse at the least possible cost to the state.

25256.1. On or before January 1, 2011, the office shall evaluate and specify the hazard traits and environmental and toxicological end-points and any other relevant data that are to be included in the clearinghouse. The office shall conduct this evaluation in consultation with the department and all appropriate state agencies, after one or more public workshops, and an opportunity for all interested parties to comment. The office may seek information from other states, the federal government, and other nations in implementing this section.

25256.2. (a) The department shall develop requirements and standards related to the design of the clearinghouse and data quality and test methods that govern the data that is eligible to be available through the clearinghouse.

(b) The department may phase in the access to eligible information and data in the clearinghouse as that information and data become available.

(c) The department shall ensure the clearinghouse is capable of displaying updated information as new data becomes available.

25256.3. The department shall consult with other states, the federal government, and other nations to identify available data related to hazard traits and environmental and toxicological end-points, and to facilitate the development of regional, national, and international data sharing arrangements to be included in the clearinghouse.

25257.1. (a) This article does not limit and shall not be construed to limit the department's or any other department's or agency's existing authority over hazardous materials.

(b) This article does not authorize the department to supersede the regulatory authority of any other department or agency.

(c) The department shall not duplicate or adopt conflicting regulations for product categories already regulated or subject to pending regulation consistent with the purposes of this article.

SEC. 2. This act shall become effective only if Assembly Bill 1879 of the 2007–2008 Regular Session is enacted on or before January 1, 2009.