

Introduced by Senator PavleyFebruary 27, 2009

An act to add Article 10.5.1 (commencing with Section 25215.6) to Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to lead.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 757, as introduced, Pavley. Lead wheel weights.

Under existing law, the Department of Toxic Substances Control is responsible for administering various programs to control the release of toxic substances into the soil and groundwater. Existing law also establishes the Hazardous Waste Control Account to be used as specified by the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature.

This bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or installation in California of wheel weights that contain more than 0.1% lead. The bill would provide to a person who violates that provision injunctive relief as well as civil and administrative penalties, as specified. The bill requires all civil and administrative fines collected to be deposited in the Hazardous Waste Control Account for expenditure by the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement and enforce the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Article 10.5.1 (commencing with Section
- 2 25215.6) is added to Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the Health and
- 3 Safety Code, to read:

Article 10.5.1. Lead Wheel Weights

25215.6. (a) No person shall manufacture or sell at either the wholesale or retail level in California any wheel weight that contains more than 0.1 percent lead by weight.

(b) No person engaged in the business of selling or installing wheel weights shall sell or install any wheel weight in California that contains more than 0.1 percent lead by weight.

25215.7. (a) Any person who violates or threatens to violate the provisions of this article may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who violates this article shall not be subject to criminal penalties and shall only be subject to the administrative or civil penalties specified in subdivision (c).

(c) (1) A person who violates this article shall be liable for an administrative or a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per day for each violation. That administrative or civil penalty may be assessed and recovered in an administrative action filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings or in a civil action brought in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) In assessing the amount of an administrative or a civil penalty for a violation of this article, the presiding officer or the court shall consider all of the following:

- (A) The nature and extent of the violation.
- (B) The number and severity of the violations.
- (C) The economic effect of the penalty on the violator.
- (D) Whether the violator took good faith measures to comply with this article and the time these measures were taken.
- (E) The willfulness of the violator's misconduct.
- (F) The deterrent effect that the imposition of the penalty would have on both the violator and the regulated community as a whole.
- (G) Any other factor that justice may require.

(d) Administrative and civil penalties collected pursuant to this article shall be deposited in the Hazardous Waste Control Account, for expenditure by the Department of Toxic Substances Control,

- 1 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to implement and enforce
- 2 this article.

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