

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 15, 2011

SENATE BILL

No. 178

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 7, 2011

An act to amend Section 25255 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous materials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 178, as amended, Simitian. Hazardous materials: green chemistry.

Existing law establishes the Green Ribbon Science Panel and authorizes the panel to take various actions in assisting the Department of Toxic Substances Control with regard to identifying, evaluating, and responding to chemicals of concern in consumer products.

~~This bill would authorize the panel to review regulations proposed for adoption under the provisions regulating these chemicals of concern and to make recommendations to the department on related scientific and technical matters form subgroups to consider and report to the full panel and the department on specific priority topics identified by the department.~~

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. Section 25255 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 25255. The Green Ribbon Science Panel may take any of the
- 4 following actions:

- 1 (a) Advise the department and the council on scientific and
- 2 technical matters in support of the goals of this article to
- 3 significantly reduce adverse health and environmental impacts of
- 4 chemicals used in commerce and reduce the overall costs of those
- 5 impacts on the state’s society by encouraging the redesign of
- 6 consumer products, manufacturing processes, and approaches.
- 7 (b) Assist the department in developing green chemistry and
- 8 chemicals policy recommendations and implementation strategies
- 9 and details and ensure that these recommendations are based on a
- 10 strong scientific foundation.
- 11 (c) Advise the department and make recommendations for
- 12 chemicals the panel views as priorities for which hazard traits and
- 13 toxicological end-point data should be collected.
- 14 (d) Advise the department in the adoption of regulations required
- 15 by this article.
- 16 ~~(e) Review regulations proposed for adoption pursuant to this~~
- 17 ~~article and make recommendations to the department on related~~
- 18 ~~scientific and technical matters.~~
- 19 ~~(f)~~
- 20 (e) Advise the department on any other pertinent matter in
- 21 implementing this article, as determined by the department.
- 22 (f) *Form subgroups to consider and report to the full panel and*
- 23 *the department on specific priority topics identified by the*
- 24 *department including, but not limited to, identification of chemicals*
- 25 *and products of concern, prioritization of chemicals, alternative*
- 26 *assessment of both chemicals and products of concern, review of*
- 27 *other authoritative bodies’ green chemistry initiatives and*
- 28 *interactions, issues related to implementation, and other technical*
- 29 *considerations.*