## **CONCEPT: BLOCKING GROUPS – SULFONIC ACID**

As the *only* reversible EAS reaction, sulfonation is used to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the para position and \_\_\_\_\_ o-substitution.

• Sometimes called a *blocking group* because it is not found in the final product.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CH_3 \\ \hline \\ Conc. \ H_2SO_4 \\ \hline \\ \Delta \end{array}$$

**EXAMPLE:** Predict the product of the following multistep synthesis.

 $\underline{\mathsf{PRACTICE}} \text{ Beginning from Benzene, synthesize the following compound.}$