

Subject PFAS in Juvenile Products

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Overview

This bill would ban the manufacture, distribution, and sale of juvenile products (products designed or marketed for use by infants and children under 12) that contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) beginning January 1, 2024. PFAS are a family of manmade chemicals that are used in a variety of products including nonstick cookware, food packaging, and household items. PFAS do not breakdown in the environment and can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects.

Summary

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| 1 | Definitions.
Defines “adult mattress,” “juvenile product,” “medical device,” and “PFAS” for purposes of the ban. “Juvenile products” are defined as products designed or marketed for use by infants and children under 12 and include items like bassinets, foam pillows, infant carriers, playpens, and crib/toddler mattresses. Certain items such as electronic products (phones, computers, etc.), medical devices, and adult mattresses are excluded from the definition. |
| 2 | Prohibition.
Prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution of a juvenile product that contains PFAS. Exempts the sale of used products from the ban. |
| 3 | Enforcement.
Allows the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to enforce the ban using existing authorities and allows coordination with the commissioners of commerce and health in enforcing the section. Requires a person to furnish information to the PCA, if requested, that is relevant to show compliance with this section. |

Effective date. States this section is effective January 1, 2024.



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