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Overview

Chapter 132 prohibits the manufacture and sale of jewelry products containing lead above levels specified in the act.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. Defines various terms and technical references including body piercing jewelry, children as those age six and younger, children's jewelry, class 1, 2 and 3 materials, EPA reference methods, jewelry and components, and surface coating for purposes of this act.

Subdivision 2. Prohibited Sales. Prohibits the sale or manufacture of jewelry products containing lead above levels specified in the act. A more stringent prohibition on jewelry manufactured for or marketed to children under age 6 is established with regard to its lead content. Children's jewelry includes jewelry that is represented in its packaging, display, or advertising as appropriate for use by children; is sold in conjunction with, attached to or packaged with other products that are packaged, displayed or advertised as appropriate for use by children. Vending machine jewelry is included.

The prohibitions do not apply to sales or free distribution of jewelry by non-profit organizations.

Subdivisions 3 and 4. Testing. Provides for testing standards and procedures for products regulated under this act.