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Chapter 71 prohibits the sale of children's food containers that are in direct physical contact with the food if those containers intentionally contain the chemical bisphenol-A. Children's food includes infant formula, baby food, and toddler food intended for consumption by children under three years of age. Manufacturers and retailers may not offer such products for sale in Minnesota after August 1, 2014; retailers may not do so after August 1, 2015.

Manufacturers are also prohibited from replacing bisphenol-A in a children's food container with any chemical identified on the basis of credible scientific evidence to have a high degree of probability to be carcinogenic, an endocrine disruptor, a developmental toxicant, or to damage the nervous or immune systems.

This act is effective May 17, 2013.