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Overview

House File 326 bans the sale in Minnesota of certain products designed for use by children under 3 years of age— bottles and cups to be filled with food or a liquid, and pacifiers and teething rings – that contain the chemical bisphenol-A. Manufacturers may not, as a result of this prohibition, substitute a chemical for bisphenol-A that is known or reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen, or identified by the EPA as causing birth defects, hormone disruption, or reproductive or developmental harm.

Section

1 [325F.172] Definitions.

Subd. 1. Child. “Child” means a person under 3 years of age.

Subd. 2. Children's product. “Children's product” means an empty bottle or cup to be filled with food or liquid or a pacifier or teething ring to suck or bite on.

2 [325F.173] **Bisphenol-A in certain children's products.** Prohibits a manufacturer from offering a children's product containing bisphenol-A for sale in Minnesota after January 1, 2010; an identical prohibition for retailers begins on January 1, 2011. The prohibition does not apply to used products.

3 [325F.174] **Replacement chemicals.** Prohibits manufacturers from selling children's products, as a direct result of the prohibition in section 2, that contain a chemical that is “known to be a human carcinogen” or is “reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen,” or that is identified by the EPA as causing birth defects, hormone disruption, or harm to reproduction or development.