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Bill Summary

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Overview

Senate File 1215 bans the sale in Minnesota of children's products and certain home furnishings that contain any of ten specified flame-retardant chemicals.

Section

1 [325F.071] Flame-retardant chemicals; prohibition.

Subd. 1. Definitions.

Subd. 2. Flame-retardant chemicals; prohibition. Prohibits, beginning on July 1, 2017, a manufacturer or wholesaler from manufacturing, selling, or offering or distributing for sale a children's product, upholstered residential furniture, or carpet and residential textile coverings containing any of ten listed flame-retardant chemicals in amounts exceeding 1,000 parts per million. Prohibits retailers from selling or offering for sale such products beginning on July 1, 2018. Previously-owned products are exempt from the provisions of this section.

Subd. 3. Flame-retardant chemicals; replacement chemicals. Prohibits a manufacturer from replacing a chemical listed in subdivision 2 with a chemical identified by a state, federal, or international agency as known or highly suspected to be a carcinogen, endocrine disrupter, neurotoxin, or developmental toxin.