

Subject Use of flame-retardant chemicals in certain products

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Overview

This bill expands the prohibition on the use of flame-retardant chemicals to additional types of upholstered furniture and to residential or business textiles; modifies the flame-retardant chemicals that are prohibited; prohibits the sale of certain firefighting foam; and authorizes the commissioner of the pollution control agency to enforce this section.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | <p>Flame-retardant chemicals; prohibition. Amends § 325F.071.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Changes a term used in this section, from upholstered residential furniture to upholstered furniture, and expands the definition to mean all furniture with padding, coverings, and cushions, not just this furniture intended for use in homes or places of lodging. Also defines residential or business textile as covering on windows, walls, or floors, including carpeting or carpet padding.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Flame-retardant chemicals; prohibition. Beginning July 1, 2020, prohibits manufacturers from selling, distributing, or offering for sale mattresses and residential or business textiles on which certain flame-retardant chemicals are used in amounts greater than 1,000 parts per million. Also strikes a list of specific flame-retardant chemicals that are prohibited, and instead prohibits any halogenated, phosphorus-based, nitrogen-based, or nanoscale flame retardants in amounts greater than 1,000 parts per million on upholstered furniture, residential or business textiles, or mattresses.</p> <p>Beginning July 1, 2021, prohibits retailers from selling these products or offering them for sale.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Flame-retardant chemicals; replacement chemicals. No changes to this subdivision.</p> |

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| | <p>Subd. 4. Firefighting foam. Beginning July 1, 2020, restricts the sale or distribution of certain firefighting foam that contains intentionally added PFC or perfluorinated chemicals to sales/distributions to oil refineries, oil and petroleum terminals, and airports only.</p> |
| | <p>Subd. 5. Training exercises. Prohibits the use of class B firefighting foam that contains intentionally added PFC or perfluorinated chemicals.</p> |
| | <p>Subd. 6. Enforcement. Directs the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to enforce this section, in coordination with the commissioners of commerce and health.</p> |



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