

Subject PFAS in Food Packaging Ban

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Overview

This bill would ban the manufacture, distribution, and sale of food packaging that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) beginning January 1, 2022. PFAS are a family of manmade chemicals that have a number of uses, including nonstick cookware and coatings on some food packaging. PFAS do not breakdown in the environment and can accumulate over time. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Food packaging; PFAS.
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Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for purposes of the ban, including food package, package, packaging component, and PFAS.

Subd. 2. Prohibition. Prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution of a food package that contains intentionally added PFAS.

Subd. 3. Enforcement. Allows the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to enforce the ban using existing authorities and requires coordination with the commissioners of commerce and health.

Effective date. States the section is effective January 1, 2022.