

Subject Public awareness and education program; skin-lightening products with mercury and hydroquinone

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Overview

This bill establishes a program to fund public awareness and education activities on the health effects of products that contain mercury and hydroquinone and appropriates money for this program.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p> <p>Adds § 145.9275. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to community-based organizations that focus on outreach to Black and people of color communities on colorism, skin-lightening products, and chemical exposures from these products, and requires priority in awarding grants to be given to certain organizations. Requires grant recipients to use grant funds for public awareness and education activities to increase public awareness and provide education about the health effects of products containing mercury and hydroquinone; identify products containing these substances by testing skin-lightening products; develop a curriculum to train community leaders and others; work to build self-esteem of persons who use or are at risk of using skin-lightening products; and build capacity of community-based organizations to combat skin-lightening practices.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Appropriation; skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p> <p>Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p> |



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