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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to enacting the "bisphenol A-free children and babies act"

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1.     Legislative intent.     The legislature hereby finds that  
2     bisphenol A (BPA), a principal component in the production of polycarbo-  
3     nate rigid plastic, is used in many products intended for use by young  
4     children.  
5     According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, ninety-three  
6     percent of Americans have detectable levels of bisphenol A in their  
7     bodies. Research studies have found that babies and toddlers have high-  
8     er levels of bisphenol A in their bodies than do adults because of  
9     greater exposure and reduced capacity to metabolize bisphenol A.  
10    Bisphenol A is a known estrogen-mimicking endocrine disruptor chemi-  
11    cal. Endocrine disruption has been linked to a greater number of common  
12    ailments, including heart disease, immune system disruption, brain dete-  
13    rioration, type-2 diabetes, cancer and obesity.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 The state of New York must act to significantly reduce the harm from  
2 bisphenol A, particularly for infants and children, the most vulnerable  
3 within our population.

4 S 2. Article 37 of the environmental conservation law is amended by  
5 adding a new title 5 to read as follows:

6 TITLE 5  
7 BISPHENOL A

8 SECTION 37-0501. SHORT TITLE.

9 37-0503. DEFINITIONS.

10 37-0505. CHILD CARE PRODUCTS.

11 37-0507. WAIVERS.

12 37-0509. PRODUCT LABELING.

13 37-0511. PREEMPTION.

14 37-0513. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

15 S 37-0501. SHORT TITLE.

16 THIS TITLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "BISPHENOL A-FREE  
17 CHILDREN AND BABIES ACT".

18 S 37-0503. DEFINITIONS.

19 AS USED IN THIS TITLE:

20 "CHILD CARE PRODUCT" MEANS ALL PRODUCTS DESIGNED OR INTENDED BY THE  
21 MANUFACTURER FOR CHILD CARE, INCLUDING, BABY BOTTLES, BABY BOTTLE LINERS  
22 AND CUPS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SIPPY CUPS, PACIFIERS AND OTHER  
23 PRODUCTS TO HELP WITH SUCKING OR TEETHING, TO FACILITATE SLEEP OR RELAX-  
24 ATION, OR THE FEEDING OF CHILDREN.

25 S 37-0505. CHILD CARE PRODUCTS.

26 1. BEGINNING DECEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, NO PERSON, FIRM, PART-  
27 NERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR CORPORATION SHALL  
28 SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE ANY CHILD CARE PRODUCT INTENDED FOR USE BY A  
29 CHILD THREE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER CONTAINING BISPHENOL A.

30 2. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR  
31 DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD CARE PRODUCTS RESOLD OR OFFERED FOR RESALE, OR  
32 DISTRIBUTED BY CONSUMERS FOR CONSUMER USE.

33 S 37-0507. WAIVERS.

34 A MANUFACTURER OF LIQUID, FOOD OR BEVERAGE PRODUCTS REGULATED BY THIS  
35 TITLE, MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A WAIVER FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE  
36 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE IF THE MANUFACTURER CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT  
37 THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES TO BISPHENOL A. AFTER SUCH WAIVER  
38 PERIOD, THE MANUFACTURER MAY AGAIN APPLY FOR A WAIVER.

39 S 37-0509. PRODUCT LABELING.

40 THE COMMISSIONER MAY AUTHORIZE PRODUCT LABELING OF PRODUCTS THAT DO  
41 NOT CONTAIN BISPHENOL A. THE LABEL ON SUCH PRODUCTS MAY PROMINENTLY  
42 STATE "BISPHENOL A FREE" OR "BPA-FREE" TO INFORM CONSUMERS THAT THE  
43 PRODUCT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE CHEMICAL BISPHENOL A.

44 S 37-0511. PREEMPTION.

45 JURISDICTION IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO BISPHENOL A WHICH ARE REGU-  
46 LATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE VESTED EXCLU-  
47 SIVELY IN THE STATE. ANY PROVISION OF ANY LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE, OR ANY  
48 RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO, RELATING TO BISPHENOL A  
49 SHALL BE PREEMPTED.

50 S 37-0513. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

51 THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS  
52 AS IT SHALL DEEM NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

53 S 3. Section 71-3703 of the environmental conservation law, as amended  
54 by chapter 671 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

55 S 71-3703. Enforcement of article 37.

1 1. Any person who violates any of the provisions of, or who fails to  
2 perform any duty imposed by section 37-0107 or any rule or regulation  
3 promulgated pursuant hereto, shall be liable for a civil penalty not to  
4 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each such violation and an  
5 additional penalty of not more than five hundred dollars for each day  
6 during which such violation continues, and, in addition thereto, such  
7 person may be enjoined from continuing such violation.

8 2. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF, OR WHO FAILS TO  
9 PERFORM ANY DUTY IMPOSED BY SECTION 37-0505 OR ANY RULE OR REGULATION  
10 PROMULGATED PURSUANT HERETO, SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO  
11 EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY DURING WHICH SUCH VIOLATION  
12 CONTINUES, AND IN ADDITION THERETO, SUCH PERSON MAY BE ENJOINED FROM  
13 CONTINUING SUCH VIOLATION. SUCH PERSON SHALL FOR A SECOND VIOLATION BE  
14 LIABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO  
15 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY DURING WHICH SUCH VIOLATION  
16 CONTINUES.

17 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.