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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

**H. F. No. 458**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

02/28/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public health; banning formaldehyde in certain children's products;  
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[325F.174] DEFINITIONS.**

1.6 (a) For the purposes of sections 325F.174 to 325F.176, the following terms have  
1.7 the meanings given them.

1.8 (b) "Child" means a person under 12 years of age.

1.9 (c) "Children's product" means a product designed or intended by a manufacturer  
1.10 to be physically applied to or introduced into a child's body, including any article used  
1.11 as a component of such a product and excluding a food, beverage, dietary supplement,  
1.12 pharmaceutical product or biologic, toy, or a medical device as defined in the federal Food,  
1.13 Drug, and Cosmetic Act, United States Code, title 21, section 321(h).

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.15 Sec. 2. **[325F.175] FORMALDEHYDE IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS; BAN.**

1.16 Beginning January 1, 2014, no manufacturer may sell or offer for initial sale at retail  
1.17 in this state a children's product that contains:

1.18 (1) formaldehyde, including formaldehyde contained in a solution; or

1.19 (2) ingredients that chemically degrade under normal conditions of temperature and  
1.20 pressure to release formaldehyde.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1       Sec. 3. **[325F.176] FORMALDEHYDE REPLACEMENT CHEMICALS.**

2.2             A manufacturer shall not replace a chemical whose use is prohibited in section  
2.3 325F.175 with a chemical identified on the basis of credible scientific evidence by a  
2.4 state, federal, or international agency as being known or suspected with a high degree of  
2.5 probability to:

2.6             (1) harm the normal development of a fetus or child or cause other developmental  
2.7 toxicity;

2.8             (2) cause cancer, genetic damage, or reproductive harm;

2.9             (3) disrupt the endocrine or hormone system; or

2.10            (4) damage the nervous system, immune system, or organs, or cause other systemic  
2.11 toxicity.

2.12            **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.