
CHAPTER 373—H.F.No.398

[Coded]

An act relating to protection of the environment; prohibiting sale of pressurized containers using certain chlorofluorocarbon propellants; prescribing penalties.

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

Section 1. [116.39] ENVIRONMENT; PRESSURIZED CONTAINERS; OZONE LAYER PRESERVATION. Subdivision 1. Except as provided by subdivision 3, after July 1, 1979 no person shall sell or offer for sale in this state any pressurized container which contains as a propellant trichloromonofluoromethane, difluorodichloromethane, dichlorotetrafluoroethane, or any other saturated chlorofluorocarbon compound or other similar inert fluorocarbon compound that does not contain reactive carbon hydrogen bonds.

Subd. 2. Commencing October 31, 1977, no person shall sell or offer for sale at wholesale in this state a pressurized container using chlorofluorocarbon propellants unless the container has prominently displayed on the front panel this statement: "Warning: Contains a chlorofluorocarbon that may harm the public health and environment by reducing ozone in the upper atmosphere."

Subd. 3. Nothing in this section prohibits the sale or use of refrigeration equipment containing chlorofluorocarbon compounds, or the sale of chlorofluorocarbon compounds for use in such equipment. This section shall not apply to the sale of chlorofluorocarbon compounds for the following essential medical uses:

- (a) metered-dose steroid human drugs for nasal inhalation;
- (b) metered-dose steroid human drugs for oral inhalation;
- (c) metered-dose adrenergic bronchodilator human drugs for oral inhalation;
- (d) contraceptive vaginal foams for human use; or
- (e) cytology fixatives; nor

for other medical uses by or under the supervision of a licensed physician, dentist or veterinarian, or a hospital, nursing home or other health care institution licensed by the department of health. This section shall also not apply to the sale of chlorofluorocarbon compounds for use in the cleaning, maintenance, testing and repair of electronic equipment.

Subd. 4. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

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