
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 828

Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY ZORD, LAUDADIO, FREIND, REED, GEESEY, MEBUS AND
RAVENSTAHL, MARCH 29, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 29, 1977

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the use of fluorocarbons as an aerosol propellant;
2 requiring all aerosol propellants to be set forth on the
3 label of the container and providing penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Fluorocarbon
8 Ban Act."

9 Section 2. Legislative findings.

10 The General Assembly finds that:

11 (1) scientific studies have revealed that certain
12 chlorofluorocarbon compounds used in aerosol sprays may be
13 destroying the ozone layer in the earth's stratosphere;

14 (2) the ozone layer is vital to life on earth,
15 preventing approximately 99% of the sun's mid-ultraviolet
16 radiation from reaching the earth's surface;

17 (3) increased intensity of ultraviolet radiation poses a
18 serious threat to life on earth including increased

1 occurrences of skin cancer, damage to food crops, damage to
2 phytoplankton which is vital to the production of oxygen and
3 to the food chain, and unpredictable and irreversible global
4 climatic changes;

5 (4) it has been estimated that production of ozone
6 destroying chemicals is increasing at a rate of 10% per year,
7 at which rate the ozone layer will be reduced 13% by the year
8 2014;

9 (5) It has been estimated that there has already been
10 1/2% to 1% depletion of the ozone layer;

11 (6) it has been estimated that an immediate halt to
12 production of ozone destroying chemicals would still result
13 in an approximate 3 1/2% reduction in ozone by 1990; and

14 (7) there is substantial evidence to believe that
15 inhalation of certain aerosol sprays is a significant hazard
16 to human health.

17 Section 3. Identification of aerosol propellant on label.

18 (a) From and after the effective date of this act, all
19 products propelled by means of an aerosol propellant shall
20 clearly set forth, in eight-point type, on the label of the
21 product the type of aerosol propellant utilized. Any aerosol
22 propellant consisting of fluorocarbons shall be clearly set
23 forth, in ten-point bold face type, on the label of the product.

24 (b) Any person violating the provisions of this section
25 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

26 Section 4. Prohibition on fluorocarbon aerosol propellants.

27 (a) After January 1, 1980 it shall be unlawful for any
28 person to sell or offer to sell in this Commonwealth any aerosol
29 spray which contains as a propellant trichloromonofluoromethane,
30 difluorodichloromethane or any other saturated

1 chlorofluorocarbon compound not containing hydrogen.

2 (b) Any person violating the provisions of this section
3 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

4 Section 5. Prosecution for violations.

5 The district attorney of each county shall have the power and
6 the duty to enforce the provisions of this act.

7 Section 6. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 90 days.