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AN ACT

1 Relating to education concerning the organic compound bisphenol
2 A; and imposing duties on the Department of Health.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the BPA Education
7 Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Bisphenol A" or "BPA." An organic compound used in the
13 manufacturing of plastics with two phenol functional groups
14 which is prepared by the condensation of acetone with two
15 equivalents of phenol and catalyzed by an acid, such as
16 hydrochloric acid or a sulfonated polystyrene resin.

1 "County department of health." Any single-county department
2 of health or any joint-county department of health created under
3 the act of August 24, 1951 (P.L.1304, No.315), known as the
4 Local Health Administration Law.

5 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.
6 Section 3. BPA educational program.

7 (a) Duties of department and county departments of health.--
8 The following shall apply:

9 (1) The department and each county department of health,
10 both jointly and individually, shall conduct a continuing
11 publicity and education program for the citizens of this
12 Commonwealth aimed at informing parents of infants or
13 children three years of age or younger of the toxic risks to
14 children associated with the use of bisphenol A in
15 manufactured bottles, cups or other containers designed or
16 indented to be filled with any liquid, food or beverage
17 primarily for the consumption from that container by
18 children.

19 (2) The department shall be authorized to collaborate
20 with any public agency or private sector entity to prepare
21 public education materials or programs designed to inform
22 parents of the toxic risks to children associated with the
23 use of bisphenol A in manufactured products.

24 (b) Dissemination of information.--The following shall
25 apply:

26 (1) The department shall provide for the availability of
27 and arrange for the appropriate distribution of educational
28 material or dissemination of information through all county
29 departments of health to educate the public about the toxic
30 risks to children associated with the use of bisphenol A in

1 manufactured products.

2 (2) County departments of health shall distribute
3 educational materials and disseminate information explaining
4 the toxic risks associated with the use of bisphenol A in
5 manufactured products, and may use all current public
6 information channels and all relevant Federally funded and
7 State-funded community-based programs for maximum
8 distribution of information about this act.

9 Section 4. Regulations.

10 Each county department of health shall promulgate regulations
11 within one year of the effective date of this subsection on the
12 responsibilities of educating the public about the toxic risks
13 associated with the use of bisphenol A in manufactured products.

14 Section 5. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.