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Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING BABY FOOD PRODUCTS AND TOXIC HEAVY METALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Baby food product" (A) means any food that is (i) manufactured,
3 packaged, labeled and sold in a container, and (ii) intended for
4 consumption by individuals younger than two years of age, and (B)
5 does not include infant formula, as defined in section 21a-92 of the
6 general statutes;

7 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
8 Protection;

9 (3) "Consumer" means an individual residing in this state who is a
10 purchaser, or a prospective purchaser, of a baby food product;

11 (4) "Food" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-92 of the
12 general statutes;

13 (5) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-92 of

14 the general statutes;

15 (6) "Production aggregate" means a quantity of a baby food product
16 that is (A) intended to be uniform in composition, character and quality,
17 and (B) produced according to a master manufacturing order;

18 (7) "Proficient laboratory" means a laboratory that (A) is accredited
19 under International Organization for Standardization or International
20 Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) Standard 17025:2017, as
21 amended from time to time, (B) uses an analytical method that is as
22 sensitive as the analytical method described in the latest edition of the
23 federal Food and Drug Administration's "Elemental Analysis Manual
24 for Food and Related Products", and (C) demonstrates proficiency in
25 quantifying each toxic heavy metal concentration to at least six
26 micrograms of the toxic heavy metal to kilogram of food through an
27 independent proficiency test by achieving a z-score that is less than or
28 equal to plus or minus two;

29 (8) "Quick response code" means a two-dimensional matrix barcode
30 that consists of blocks arranged in a grid and may be read by an imaging
31 device;

32 (9) "Representative sample" means a sample that (A) consists of
33 several units drawn from a material based on rational criteria, including,
34 but not limited to, random sampling, and (B) is intended to accurately
35 represent the material from which the sample is drawn; and

36 (10) "Toxic heavy metal" includes arsenic, cadmium, lead and
37 mercury.

38 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2027, no person shall manufacture, sell,
39 distribute or offer for sale in this state any baby food product that
40 contains a toxic heavy metal in an amount that exceeds the applicable
41 limit established by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

42 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2027, and not less frequently than

43 monthly thereafter, the manufacturer of a baby food product
44 manufactured in this state, or intended for sale or distribution in this
45 state, shall ensure that a proficient laboratory tests a representative
46 sample of each production aggregate of the final baby food product for
47 the presence of toxic heavy metals. Each test may be performed before
48 the final baby food product is packaged for distribution or sale. The
49 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may require the manufacturer
50 to report the results of such testing to the commissioner, in a form and
51 manner prescribed by the commissioner, and, if the commissioner
52 requires the manufacturer to report such results to the commissioner,
53 the manufacturer shall report such results to the commissioner not later
54 than sixty days after the manufacturer received the commissioner's
55 request for such results.

56 (d) Beginning on January 1, 2027, the manufacturer of a baby food
57 product manufactured in this state, or intended for sale or distribution
58 in this state, shall make publicly available on the manufacturer's Internet
59 web site, until thirty days after expiration of the shelf life of the final
60 baby food product:

61 (1) The name and amount of each toxic heavy metal present in the
62 final baby food product, as determined by way of the testing required
63 under subsection (c) of this section;

64 (2) Information, including, but not limited to, the name of the final
65 baby food product or the universal product code, lot number or batch
66 number assigned to the final baby food product, that is sufficient to
67 enable a reasonable consumer to identify the final baby food product;
68 and

69 (3) A link to a publicly accessible web page on the federal Food and
70 Drug Administration's Internet web site where a consumer may review
71 current information, and said administration's current guidance,
72 regarding the effects of toxic heavy metals on children's health.

73 (e) Beginning on January 1, 2027, if a baby food product is tested for

74 a toxic heavy metal subject to an action level, regulatory limit or
75 tolerance established by the federal Food and Drug Administration
76 under 21 CFR 109, as amended from time to time, the manufacturer of
77 the baby food product shall display on the baby food product container:

78 (1) The following statement in a clear, legible and conspicuous
79 manner:

80 "For Information About Toxic Element Testing On This Product, Scan
81 the QR Code."; and

82 (2) A quick response code, or another machine-readable code, that
83 directs consumers to a publicly accessible web page on the
84 manufacturer's Internet web site, or to the baby food product
85 information page, disclosing:

86 (A) The results of the testing described in this subsection; and

87 (B) The address of a publicly accessible web page on the federal Food
88 and Drug Administration's Internet web site where a consumer may
89 review current information, and said administration's current guidance,
90 regarding the effects of toxic heavy metals on children's health.

91 (f) Beginning on January 1, 2027, if a consumer believes, based on the
92 information provided to the consumer concerning a baby food product,
93 that the baby food product is being sold in the state in violation of any
94 provision of subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this section, the
95 consumer may report such belief to the Commissioner of Consumer
96 Protection in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the manufacture, sale, distribution or offering for sale of, and require testing, disclosures and reporting concerning, baby food products containing toxic heavy metals.

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