



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 118

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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) On and after 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) On and after January 1, 2027, the manufacturer of a baby food
43 product manufactured in this state, or intended for sale or distribution
44 in this state, shall, not less frequently than monthly, ensure that a
45 proficient laboratory tests a representative sample of each production
46 aggregate of the final baby food product for the presence of toxic heavy

47 metals. Each test may be performed before the final baby food product
48 is packaged for distribution or sale. The manufacturer shall maintain a
49 record of the results of each such test for not less than thirty-six months
50 beginning on the date on which such test was performed.

51 (d) On and after January 1, 2027, the manufacturer of a baby food
52 product manufactured in this state, or intended for sale or distribution
53 in this state, shall make publicly available on the manufacturer's Internet
54 web site, until thirty days after expiration of the shelf life of the final
55 baby food product:

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

59 (2) Information, including, but not limited to, the name of the final
60 baby food product or the universal product code, lot number or batch
61 number assigned to the final baby food product, that is sufficient to
62 enable a reasonable consumer to identify the final baby food product;
63 and

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

68 (e) On and after January 1, 2027, if a baby food product is tested for a
69 toxic heavy metal subject to an action level, regulatory limit or tolerance
70 established by the federal Food and Drug Administration under 21 CFR
71 109, as amended from time to time, the manufacturer of the baby food
72 product shall display on the baby food product container:

73 (1) The following statement in a clear, legible and conspicuous
74 manner:

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

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

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

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

86 (f) On and after January 1, 2027, if a consumer believes, based on the
87 information provided to the consumer concerning a baby food product,
88 that the baby food product is being sold in the state in violation of any
89 provision of subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this section, the
90 consumer may report such belief to the Commissioner of Consumer
91 Protection in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. After
92 receiving such report, the commissioner may send a notice to the
93 manufacturer of such baby food product, in a form and manner
94 prescribed by the commissioner, requiring such manufacturer to
95 disclose to the commissioner the results of the testing most recently
96 performed on such baby food product pursuant to subsection (c) of this
97 section. The manufacturer shall disclose such results to the
98 commissioner, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner,
99 not later than sixty days after the manufacturer receives such notice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsecs. (b) to (f), inclusive, "Beginning on" was changed to "On and after" for consistency with standard drafting conventions; and in Subsec. (c), provisions were redrafted for internal consistency.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*