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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits use of receipt paper containing bisphenol A.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning receipt paper made with bisphenol A and
2 supplementing Title 56 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. No person shall provide or use a piece of paper
8 containing bisphenol A as a business or banking record, including,
9 but not limited to, a record of receipt, credit, withdrawal, deposit, or
10 a record of a credit or debit card transaction.

11 b. A person who violates this act shall be subject to a penalty
12 of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 for each offense, to be
13 collected in a civil action by a summary proceeding under the
14 “Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999,” P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10
15 et seq.), or in any case before a court of competent jurisdiction
16 wherein injunctive relief has been requested. If the violation is of a
17 continuing nature, each day during which the violation continues
18 shall constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense. The
19 Superior Court and the municipal court shall have jurisdiction to
20 enforce the provisions of the “Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999” in
21 connection with this act.

22 c. The Department of Environmental Protection, a county, a
23 municipality, or any entity certified pursuant to the “County
24 Environmental Health Act,” P.L.1977, c.443 (C.26:3A2-21 et seq.),
25 may institute a civil action for a civil penalty or for injunctive relief
26 to enforce this act and to prohibit and prevent a violation of this act,
27 and the court may proceed in the action in a summary manner.

28 d. The Department of Environmental Protection may adopt,
29 pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410
30 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations as are necessary to
31 implement the provisions of this act.

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33 2. This act shall take effect 18 months after the date of
34 enactment.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill would prohibit a person from using or providing a piece
40 of paper containing bisphenol A (BPA) as a business or banking
41 record. A person who violates the provisions of the bill would be
42 subject to a penalty of between \$250 and \$500. The bill would take
43 effect 18 months after the date of enactment.

44 BPA is an estrogen-mimicking endocrine disruptor used in the
45 production of epoxy resins and polycarbonate plastics. It has been
46 shown to have hormone disrupting effects leading to
47 developmental, reproductive, neurological, and immune system
48 health issues and is found to leach out of the products in which it is

- 1 used. BPA is sometimes used in the coating of business transaction
- 2 receipts and may be transferred to the body of a person handling
- 3 them, particularly if the receipt is wet.