



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 669

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 210

Senate, April 28, 2011

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BISPHENOL-A IN THERMAL RECEIPT PAPER.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section, "thermal receipt paper" or "cash register receipt paper"
3 means any paper that is used by a commercial entity to issue a
4 mechanically produced record of a commercial transaction.

5 (b) On and after October 1, 2013, no person shall manufacture, sell,
6 offer for sale or distribute in this state any thermal receipt paper or
7 cash register receipt paper that contains bisphenol-A.

8 (c) The provisions of this section may be enforced, within available
9 appropriations, by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	None	None	60,576
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits) ¹	GF - Cost	None	None	1,077

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of \$60,576 in FY 14 as it requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to enforce the prohibition of the manufacture, sale, or offering for sale of thermal receipt or cash register receipt paper containing bisphenol-A (BPA) in Connecticut beginning October 1, 2013. The enforcement of the prohibition will require a one-quarter time Product Safety Inspector at a salary of \$14,076 plus fringe benefit costs of \$1,077 and associated other expenses of \$1,500. Additionally testing costs of \$45,000 per year would also be required. Testing for BPA costs \$150 per sample. An estimated 25 samples per month would be taken on a random inspection basis.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

¹ The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated non-pension fringe benefit cost associated with personnel changes is 23.76% of payroll in FY 12 and FY 13. In addition, there could be an impact to potential liability for the applicable state pension funds.

continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 210*****AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BISPHENOL-A IN THERMAL RECEIPT PAPER.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, or distribution of thermal receipt or cash register receipt paper containing bisphenol-A in Connecticut on and after October 1, 2013. The bill defines these papers as any paper a commercial entity uses to issue a commercial transaction record by a machine. The Department of Consumer Protection commissioner may enforce these provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Bisphenol-A (BPA)***

BPA is an industrial chemical used to make certain plastics and resins, such as polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins. Polycarbonate plastics are often used in food and beverage containers, such as water and baby bottles. Epoxy resins can be used to coat the inside of metal products, such as food and baby formula cans, bottle tops, and water supply lines. BPA is also found in certain thermal paper products, such as cash register receipts. Laboratory animal studies have found it to have reproductive and developmental toxicity.

Legislative History

The Senate referred the bill (File 327) to the General Law Committee, which removed a section expanding the responsibilities of the Chemical Innovations Institute to include developing a list of chemicals of “high toxic concern” and any safe alternatives to them.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 6 (03/18/2011)

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (04/20/2011)