



1           WHEREAS, in order to ensure that this dangerous chemical is not substituted for  
2 another toxin, model policy specifies that formaldehyde not be replaced with known or  
3 suspected carcinogens, neurotoxins, endocrine disruptors, and other systemic dangers; and

4           WHEREAS, under the proposed policy, manufacturers and wholesalers must  
5 abandon the use of formaldehyde by 2015, and retailers must join them by 2016; and

6           WHEREAS, legislation to ban formaldehyde in the personal care products of  
7 children was adopted with strong bipartisan support of eighty-five percent of legislators in  
8 Minnesota in 2013; and

9           WHEREAS, Minnesota's bill passed with the support of many groups representing  
10 physicians, nurses, parents, public health, organized labor, consumers, environmental health,  
11 and health-affected communities; and

12           WHEREAS, the European Union banned formaldehyde from certain uses, and  
13 requires labeling when it exceeds specified limits; and

14           WHEREAS, formaldehyde has also been identified as a chemical of high concern  
15 by the states of Maine, Washington, Minnesota, and California; and

16           WHEREAS, the personal care product market is concerned about the possible  
17 hazardous affects of formaldehyde; and

18           WHEREAS, several companies have already taken the proactive step of removing  
19 formaldehyde-releasing chemicals from their entire product line; and

20           WHEREAS, there are safer preservatives already on the market, including potassium  
21 sorbate and sodium benzoate, and consumer concern and legislative activity are moving the  
22 market toward these options.

23           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
24 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of public health, to study  
25 and assimilate a report concerning the health effects of formaldehyde in children's personal  
26 care products at levels currently allowed by law with policy recommendations for improved  
27 practices prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
29 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

DIGEST

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