

1 S.92

2 Introduced by Senators Clarkson and Hooker

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; food and lodging establishments; nutrition; children's  
6 beverages

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that a  
8 food service establishment offer certain default beverages as part of children's  
9 meals.

10 An act relating to beverages in children's meals

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 4310 is added to read:

13 § 4310. BEVERAGES IN CHILDREN'S MEALS

14 (a) A food service establishment serving a children's meal shall offer as a  
15 default beverage:

16 (1) water, sparkling water, or flavored water that does not contain added  
17 natural or artificial sweeteners; or

18 (2) milk or a nut-based or plant-based beverage; or

1           (3) 100 percent fruit juice or fruit juice combined with water or  
2           carbonated water that does not contain added sweeteners, in a serving size of  
3           not more than eight ounces.

4           (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a food service establishment from  
5           selling or providing, or a customer from purchasing, a beverage other than the  
6           default beverage included with a children’s meal if the customer requests a  
7           substitute beverage.

8           (c) As used in this section:

9           (1) “Children’s meal” means a combination of food items and a  
10           beverage, primarily intended for consumption by children, sold together at a  
11           single price.

12           (2) “Default beverage” means the beverage automatically included as  
13           part of a children’s meal.

14           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.