
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PLASTIC BOTTLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that single-use plastic
2 bottles are a threat to the State's oceans and vulnerable marine
3 ecosystems. Each year, more than 15,000,000 metric tons of
4 plastic enter the world's oceans. Experts predict that by 2050,
5 the amount of plastic in the ocean will outweigh fish, unless
6 significant changes are made. The need for significant change
7 in Hawaii was underscored in 2020, when the United States
8 Environmental Protection Agency found that several of the
9 State's beaches are "impaired by trash", with the majority of
10 the pollutants comprising single-use plastics.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit the
12 retail sale or offer for retail sale in the State of single-use
13 plastic bottles designed to hold less than two liters of bottled
14 water for oral consumption, with certain exceptions.

15 SECTION 2. Section 342H-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 "[+]§342H-42[+] **Prohibition.** (a) On or after January 1,
2 1992, no person shall manufacture, distribute, sell, or expose
3 for sale in this State any plastic bottle or rigid plastic
4 container unless the product has a label indicating the plastic
5 resin used to produce the plastic bottle or rigid plastic
6 container. The label shall consist of a number placed within a
7 triangle of arrows and letters placed below the triangle. The
8 triangle shall be equilateral, formed by three arrows curved at
9 their midpoints and depicting a clockwise path around the code
10 number. The numbers and letters used shall be as follows:

- 11 (1) For polyethylene terephthalate, the letters "PETE" and
12 the number 1;
- 13 (2) For high density polyethylene, the letters "HDPE" and
14 the number 2;
- 15 (3) For vinyl, the letter "V" and the number 3;
- 16 (4) For low density polyethylene, the letters "LDPE" and
17 the number 4;
- 18 (5) For polypropylene, the letters "PP" and the number 5;
- 19 (6) For polystyrene, the letters "PS" and the number 6;
- 20 and
- 21 (7) For any other, the letters "OTHER" and the number 7.



1 (b) On or after January 1, 2024, no person shall sell at
2 retail or offer for retail sale in the State any single-use
3 plastic bottle designed to hold less than two liters of bottled
4 water for oral consumption; provided that plastic bottles
5 containing bottled water needed for emergency response and
6 public health and safety shall be exempt from this subsection."

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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Report Title:

Plastic Bottles; Single-use Plastics; Bottled Water; Prohibition

Description:

Effective 1/1/2024, prohibits the retail sale or offer for retail sale of single-use plastic bottles designed to hold less than two liters of bottled water for oral consumption, with certain exceptions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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