

ACT 318

H.B. NO. 1023

A Bill for an Act Relating to Environmental Quality.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 342H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“PART . PLASTIC CONTAINER CODING

§342H- Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Label” means a molded imprint or raised symbol on or near the bottom of a plastic product.

“Plastic” means any material made of polymeric organic compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.

“Plastic bottle” means a plastic container intended for single use that has a neck that is smaller than the body of the container, accepts a screw-type, snap cap, or other closure and has a capacity of sixteen fluid ounces or more, but less than five gallons.

“Rigid plastic container” means any formed or molded container, other than a bottle, intended for single use, composed predominantly of plastic resin, and having a relatively inflexible finite shape or form with a capacity of eight ounces or more, but less than five gallons.

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

- (1) For polyethylene terephthalate, the letters “PETE” and the number 1;
- (2) For high density polyethylene, the letters “HDPE” and the number 2;
- (3) For vinyl, the letter “V” and the number 3;
- (4) For low density polyethylene, the letters “LDPE” and the number 4;
- (5) For polypropylene, the letters “PP” and the number 5;
- (6) For polystyrene, the letters “PS” and the number 6; and
- (7) For any other, the letters “OTHER” and the number 7.”

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SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved July 3, 1990.)