

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of harmful chemicals in consumer products.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of
3 harmful chemicals in consumer products.

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5 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly is vested with the*
6 *responsibility to ensure the products sold within the state of*
7 *Indiana and commonly available to Hoosiers are free from*
8 *toxic chemicals that endanger the health and safety of the*
9 *people and cause irreparable harm to the environment, further*
10 *compromising the public health of the state;*

11 *Whereas, Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances*
12 *(PFAS) are a diverse group of human-made chemicals*
13 *commonly used as additives in ingredients that make up a wide*
14 *range of consumer commodities such as cosmetics, cleaning*
15 *products, cookware, food packaging, and clothing;*

16 *Whereas, PFAS, also known as "forever chemicals," due to*
17 *their permanency once introduced to the environment or human*
18 *body, are known to lead to serious harm in individuals and*
19 *animals, with documented cases of hypercholesterolemia,*
20 *ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, pregnancy-induced*
21 *hypertension, and cancer in individuals exposed to PFAS;*

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1 *Whereas, Due to the lack of regulatory oversight on the use*
2 *of PFAS in consumer products, these dangerous chemicals have*
3 *contaminated food supplies and water reservoirs throughout*
4 *the United States, with a CDC study finding C8, a PFAS*
5 *chemical, in the blood of 99.7% of Americans;*

6 *Whereas, Certain personal care products and cosmetics*
7 *currently available for purchase within the state of Indiana*
8 *contain harmful chemicals, including but not limited to*
9 *mercury, talc, camphor, xylene, and formaldehyde;*

10 *Whereas, The aforementioned chemicals are recognized to*
11 *harm organs, cause congenital disabilities, damage the*
12 *respiratory system, and lead to cancer;*

13 *Whereas, Manufacturers of personal care products and*
14 *cosmetics are legally able to sell goods produced using these*
15 *dangerous additives and chemicals without appropriate labels*
16 *that notify consumers of the potential harms that accompany*
17 *using their products;*

18 *Whereas, Following the example of forty countries that*
19 *have led the way in protecting their citizens from harmful*
20 *chemicals present in everyday products, other states have*
21 *begun codifying new laws to address the pertinent issue of the*
22 *pervasiveness of these dangerous ingredients and the lack of*
23 *data as to the extent of the harm they currently cause;*

24 *Whereas, In order to ensure our citizens can trust in the*
25 *safety of the products they utilize every day, the Indiana*
26 *General Assembly is obligated to embrace a comprehensive*
27 *understanding of any potential dangers embedded within the*
28 *ingredients used to manufacture goods that the people of*
29 *Indiana commonly consume: Therefore,*

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31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
32 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate urges the
2 legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee
3 the topic of harmful chemicals in consumer products.

