

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 1372

To require updated limits on levels of lead in fruit juice beverages and an updated tolerable daily level of lead exposure from foods, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Limiting Lead Expo-
5 sure & Advancing Detection in Children’s Foods Act” or
6 the “Limiting LEAD in Children’s Foods Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UPDATED LIMITS FOR LEAD IN FRUIT JUICE BEV-**
2 **ERAGES AND FOODS.**

3 (a) FRUIT JUICE BEVERAGES.—Not later than 1
4 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section
6 as the “Secretary”) shall promulgate a final regulation es-
7 tablishing a maximum level of lead for fruit juice bev-
8 erages, which shall be not greater than the maximum level
9 of lead permitted in bottled water pursuant to regulations
10 promulgated under section 410 of the Federal Food,
11 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 349).

12 (b) TOLERABLE DAILY LEVEL OF EXPOSURE FROM
13 FOODS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate a final
15 regulation establishing a recommended maximum tolerable
16 daily level of lead exposure from foods.

17 (c) STANDARDS AND EVIDENCE.—The Secretary
18 shall establish the maximum levels of lead under sub-
19 sections (a) and (b) based on the cumulative health risks
20 of lead exposure, including with respect to pregnant
21 women, infants, and children, using scientific evidence and
22 standards.

23 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
25 of this Act, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall
26 submit a report to Congress on lead exposure in baby

1 foods, fruit juices, and other foods frequently consumed
2 by infants and children, which shall—

3 (1) address, at minimum—

4 (A) differences in levels of lead in varying
5 types of foods, including raw fruit, raw vegeta-
6 bles, baby foods, baby food juice, regular juice,
7 prepared meals, and dry foods;

8 (B) all known and potential sources of lead
9 in food, including lead-contaminated soil, food
10 processing materials, bottling procedures, and
11 food preparation;

12 (C) actions the Food and Drug Adminis-
13 tration has taken and plans to take to reduce
14 lead in foods; and

15 (D) actions the Food and Drug Adminis-
16 tration has taken and plans to take to imple-
17 ment sensitive methods that have the capacity
18 to detect the lowest possible amount of lead;
19 and

20 (2) include recommendations for Congress and
21 for food manufacturers on reducing the amount of
22 lead in foods.

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