

HOUSE BILL No. 4711

April 26, 1989, Introduced by Rep. Kosteva and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of Act No. 414 of the Public Acts of 1988, entitled

"An act to require the labeling of certain plastic products; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state departments and officials; and to prescribe penalties and remedies,"

being sections 299.481 and 299.482 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of Act No. 414 of the Public
2 Acts of 1988, being sections 299.481 and 299.482 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

5 (a) "Degradable" means capable of being broken down by bio-
6 degradation, photodegradation, or chemical degradation into
7 component parts within 360 days under exposure to the elements.

1 (b) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

2 (c) "Label" means a molded imprint or raised symbol on or
3 near the bottom of a plastic product.

4 (d) "Person" means an individual, sole proprietor, partner-
5 ship, association, corporation, or other legal entity.

6 (e) "Plastic" means any material made of polymeric organic
7 compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.

8 (f) "Plastic bottle" means a rigid plastic container with a
9 capacity of 16 ounces or more that has a neck that is smaller
10 than the body of the container.

11 (g) "Plastic product" means a plastic bottle and any other
12 rigid plastic container.

13 (h) "Rigid plastic container" means any container composed
14 predominantly of plastic resin and having a relatively inflexible
15 finite shape or form that directly holds a substance or material
16 and has a capacity of 8 ounces or more.

17 (i) ~~"PETE"~~ "PETE" means polyethylene terephthalate.

18 (j) "HDPE" means high density polyethylene.

19 (k) "V" means vinyl.

20 (l) "LDPE" means low density polyethylene.

21 (m) "PP" means polypropylene.

22 (n) "PS" means polystyrene.

23 (o) "OTHER" means multi-layer.

24 (p) "D" means degradable.

25 Sec. 2. (1) On or after January 1, 1992, all plastic prod-
26 ucts sold in this state shall ~~have a label~~ BE LABELED WITH A
27 CODE indicating the plastic resin used to produce the product.

1 The ~~label~~ CODE shall consist of a number placed ~~inside~~ WITHIN
2 a triangle ~~and letters placed immediately below the triangle.~~
3 ~~The numbers and letters used on the label~~ OF ARROWS OR WITH LET-
4 TERS PLACED BELOW THE TRIANGLE OF ARROWS. THE TRIANGLE SHALL BE
5 EQUILATERAL, FORMED BY 3 ARROWS WITH THE APEX OF EACH POINT OF
6 THE TRIANGLE AT THE MIDPOINT OF EACH ARROW, ROUNDED WITH A SHORT
7 RADIUS. THE POINTER OR ARROWHEAD OF EACH ARROW SHALL BE AT THE
8 MIDPOINT OF EACH SIDE OF THE TRIANGLE WITH A SHORT GAP SEPARATING
9 THE POINTER FROM THE BASE OF THE ADJACENT ARROW. THE TRIANGLE,
10 FORMED BY THE 3 ARROWS CURVED AT THEIR MIDPOINTS SHALL DEPICT A
11 CLOCKWISE PATH AROUND THE CODE NUMBER. THE TRIANGLE OF ARROWS
12 shall be not less than 1/2 inch high and shall appear on the
13 bottom of the plastic product as follows:

14 (a) 1 ~~PETt~~ PETE.

15 (b) 2 HDPE.

16 (c) 3 V.

17 (d) 4 LDPE.

18 (e) 5 PP.

19 (f) 6 PS.

20 (g) 7 OTHER.

21 (h) 8 D.

22 (2) The department shall maintain a list of the label code
23 provided in subsection (1) and shall provide a copy of that list
24 to any person upon request.