AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS AND COSMETICS ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Donovan, Potter, McGaw, Boylan, Tanzi, Bennett, Cortvriend, Spears, and McEntee

Date Introduced: January 26, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21-31 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rhode Island Food Safety Act."
(b) Commencing on January 1, 2027, a person or entity shall not manufacture, sell, deliver, distribute, hold or offer for sale, in commerce, a food product for human consumption that contains any of the following substances:
(1) Brominated vegetable oil (CAS no. 8016-94-2);
(2) Potassium bromate (CAS no. 7758-01-2);
(3) Propylparaben (CAS no. 94-13-3);
(4) Red dye 3 (CAS no. 16423-68-0).
(c) Violations of this section are subject to the penalties set forth in § 21-31-5(a).
(d) This section does not impair or impede any other rights, causes of action, claims, or defenses available under existing law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1. This act would prohibit the manufacture, sale and distribution for sale of a food product containing brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben or red dye 1.

2. This act would take effect upon passage.

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