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1 AN ACT Relating to lead in cookware; and amending RCW 70A.565.010
2 and 70A.565.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70A.565.010 and 2024 c 340 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Component" includes separate or distinct parts of the
9 cookware including(~~(, but not limited to,)~~) accessories such as lids,
10 knobs, handles and handle assemblies, griddles and other cooktop
11 surfaces that touch food, rivets, fasteners, valves, and vent pipes.
12 "Component" does not include inaccessible components of cookware or
13 utensils.

14 (2) "Cookware" means any metal pots, pans, bakeware, rice
15 cookers, pressure cookers, and other similar containers (~~(and devices~~
16 ~~intended for the preparation or storage of food)) used to cook or~~
17 store food. "Cookware" does not include large appliances such as
18 refrigerators and ranges.

19 (3) "Department" means the Washington state department of
20 ecology.

1 (4) "Inaccessible component" means a part or a component of
2 cookware that is located inside or is entirely enclosed with another
3 material and is not capable of coming out of the cookware or being
4 accessed during any reasonably foreseeable use or abuse of the
5 product.

6 (5) "Manufacturer" means any person, firm, association,
7 partnership, corporation, governmental entity, organization, or joint
8 venture that produces a product or is an importer or domestic
9 distributor of a product sold or offered for sale in or into the
10 state.

11 ~~((5))~~ (6) "Utensils" means metal items that directly contact
12 food during preparation, such as knives, forks, spoons, spatulas, and
13 other such food preparation tools.

14 (7) "Vulnerable populations" has the same meaning as defined in
15 RCW 70A.02.010.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70A.565.020 and 2024 c 340 s 2 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) ~~((Beginning January 1, 2026, no manufacturer may manufacture,~~
19 ~~sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in~~
20 ~~this state cookware or a cookware component containing lead or lead~~
21 ~~compounds at a level of more than five parts per million.)) No~~
22 cookware, cookware component, or utensils manufactured after January
23 1, 2026, containing lead or lead compounds at a level of more than
24 five parts per million may be sold, offered for sale, distributed for
25 sale, or distributed for use in this state.

26 (2)(a) Beginning January 1, 2026, no manufacturer, retailer, or
27 wholesaler may knowingly sell, manufacture, or knowingly offer for
28 sale for use in this state cookware ~~((or a)),~~ cookware ~~((component~~
29 ~~containing))~~ components, or utensils manufactured after January 1,
30 2026, that contain lead or lead compounds at a level of more than
31 five parts per million.

32 (b) ~~((Retailers))~~ Manufacturers, retailers, or wholesalers who
33 unknowingly sell products that are restricted from sale under this
34 chapter are not liable under this chapter.

35 (c) The sale or purchase of any previously owned cookware or
36 cookware components containing lead made in casual or isolated sales
37 as defined in RCW 82.04.040, or by a nonprofit organization, is
38 exempt from this chapter.

1 (3) After December 2034, the department, in consultation with the
2 department of health, may lower the five part per million limit
3 established in subsection (1) of this section by rule if it
4 determines that the lower limit is:

5 (a) Feasible for cookware (~~and~~), cookware component, or
6 utensils manufacturers to achieve; and

7 (b) Necessary to protect human health, including the health of
8 vulnerable populations.

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