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# Ban on Goods Containing 'Forever Chemicals' Passed in Colorado

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The sale of carpets, cosmetics, food packaging, children's products and other goods containing "forever chemicals" would be banned in Colorado under a bill passed by the state legislature on Wednesday.

If signed by Gov. Jared Polis (D), products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) would be barred from sale starting in 2024. PFAS are called "forever chemicals" because some of them don't break down.

1. The legislation, H.B. 1345, would also prohibit the sale of fabric treatment, textile furnishings, upholstered furniture, and oil and gas products that contain PFAS.
2. Cookware with PFAS won't be barred from sale. The bill would require labels that direct consumers to more information online.
3. Exposure to certain levels of PFAS may cause adverse health effects including reproductive problems, developmental delays in children, and increased risk of some cancers, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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