



SUPPORT

A. 9997/S. 7944 (Englebright/Hannon)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the sale of child care products containing bisphenol

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 9997/S. 7944 (Englebright/Hannon), which would prohibit a number of substitutes for bisphenol A that are currently legal under the Bisphenol A-free Children and Babies Act.

The Bisphenol A-free Children and Babies Act of 2010 bans bisphenol A (BPA), a common chemical component in plastics that may harm human health and is of particular concern for babies and small children, from child care products intended for children aged 3 and younger. BPA has been linked to health issues including behavioral issues in children, hormone disruption, asthma, and other serious changes to the body. Since 2010 a number of manufacturers have replaced BPA with bisphenol substitutes that are equally if not more concerning for human health than BPA.

A. 9997/S. 7944 would amend the environmental conservation law to ban 6 BPA substitutes that are of concern to human health. This legislation is consistent with previous actions taken by the State and is necessary to protect the health of the most vulnerable New Yorkers.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 9997/S. 7944.

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