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CHAPTER 4
S.P. 33 - L.D. 85

**An Act To Prohibit Synthetic
Plastic Microbeads in Personal
Care Products and
Over-the-counter Drugs**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §419-D is enacted to read:

§419-D. Synthetic plastic microbeads

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Over-the-counter drug" means a drug that is a personal care product that contains a label that identifies the product as a drug as required by 21 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 201.66 (2014). Such a label includes but is not limited to a drug facts panel or a statement of the active ingredients with a list of those ingredients contained in the base compound, substance or preparation.

B. "Personal care product" means any article intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled or sprayed on, introduced into or otherwise applied to any part of the human body for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness or altering the appearance, and any item intended for use as a component of any such article. "Personal care product" does not include a prescription drug.

C. "Plastic" means a synthetic material made from linking monomers through a chemical reaction to create an organic polymer chain that can be molded or extruded at high heat into various solid forms retaining their defined shapes during their life cycle and after disposal.

D. "Synthetic plastic microbead" means any intentionally added nonbiodegradable solid plastic particle measuring less than 5 millimeters in size and used to exfoliate or cleanse in a product intended to be rinsed off.

2. Prohibitions. A person may not:

A. After December 31, 2017, manufacture for sale a personal care product, except for an over-the-counter drug, that contains synthetic plastic microbeads;

B. After December 31, 2018, accept for sale a personal care product, except for an over-the-counter drug, that contains synthetic plastic microbeads;

C. After December 31, 2018, manufacture for sale an over-the-counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads; and

D. After December 31, 2019, accept for sale an over-the-counter drug that contains synthetic plastic microbeads.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 5
H.P. 155 - L.D. 223

**An Act To Eliminate Outdated
Provisions of the Laws
Governing the Maine Turnpike
Authority**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1741, first ¶, as amended by PL 2005, c. 313, §1, is further amended to read:

Whenever the words "public improvement" or "public improvements" appear in chapters 141 to 155, those words mean and include the construction, major alteration or repair of buildings or public works now owned or leased or constructed, acquired or leased by the State or any department, officer, board, commission or agency of the State, or constructed, acquired or leased, in whole or in part with state funds, and including the construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings, in excess of \$25,000, by any school administrative unit and for which state school construction aid is to be paid, except that sections 1743 and 1745 are not applicable to construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings. This subchapter does not apply to contracts for transportation-related services and contracts for construction and maintenance that, by law, are under the supervision of the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1961, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 793, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2007, c. 270, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Construct, maintain, reconstruct and operate a toll turnpike from a point at or near Kittery in York County to a point at or near Augusta in Kennebec County, except that the traveled way may not be widened or expanded beyond 3 lanes for each direction of travel from the southern terminus of the turnpike to mile marker 53 and beyond 2 lanes for each direction of travel elsewhere on the turnpike without the express approval of the Legislature.

~~Except as provided in section 1965-A, a A~~ license, permit or approval necessary for the widening or expansion of the turnpike may not be issued