



## **S.F. No. 188 – Ortho-phthalate testing**

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**S.F. 188** establishes a requirement for packaged food products to be tested for ortho-phthalates, and for the test results to be reported to the commissioner of agriculture. All sections of the bill amend the food law chapter of the statutes and are effective July 1, 2026.

Section 1 (34A.01) adds a new subdivision defining brand.

Section 2 (34A.01) adds a new subdivision defining brand owner.

Section 3 (34A.01) adds a new subdivision defining food manufacturer.

Section 4 (34A.01) adds a new subdivision defining ortho-phthalates or phthalates.

Section 5 (34A.01) adds a new subdivision defining packaged food product.

Section 6 (34A.01) adds a new subdivision defining universal product code or UPC.

Section 7 (34A.01) adds a new subdivision defining UPC barcode.

Section 8 [34A.025] requires that a packaged food product be tested for levels of ortho-phthalates prior to being offered for sale, and every two years thereafter, and the test results must be submitted to the commissioner of agriculture. The laboratory conducting the test must be accredited. Test results must also be available on a food manufacturer's or brand owner's website and accessible via a QR code clearly printed on the food's packaging. The commissioner has the authority to enforce the section through administrative actions or penalties.

