

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

S.F. No. 1481

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/17/2025	408	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection
03/13/2025		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

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A bill for an act

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relating to trade regulations; requiring retailers to display signage warning about

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the dangers of mercury-containing skin-lightening products; proposing coding for

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new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **[325F.998] SKIN-LIGHTENER SIGNAGE REQUIRED.**

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Subdivision 1. **Signage required.** After August 1, 2026, at each location where

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skin-lightening products are sold at retail, the retailer must display a sign in plain view to

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provide public notice that selling skin-lightening products that contain mercury is illegal

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and subject to penalties, and that using skin-lightening products that contain mercury may

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result in adverse health consequences. The notice must be placed in a conspicuous location

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in the retail establishment and must be readily visible to any person who is purchasing or

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attempting to purchase skin-lightening products.

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Subd. 2. **Signage development.** The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency and

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the commissioner of health, in consultation with community-based organizations that have

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worked to raise awareness about mercury in skin-lightening products, must jointly develop

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the signage required by subdivision 1. Words on the signage must be displayed in at least

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the English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali, French, Ethiopian, and Oromo languages.