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1 AN ACT Relating to plastics labeling; amending RCW 70.95F.030;
2 adding a new section to chapter 70.95 RCW; and repealing RCW
3 70.95F.020.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.95F RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) On or after January 1, 1997, all plastic bottles and rigid
8 plastic containers offered for sale shall be labeled with a
9 standardized code that indicates the resin used to produce the rigid
10 plastic bottle or rigid plastic container. The code shall be based
11 upon, but not specifically limited to, the international standard 11469
12 "Generic Identification and Marketing of Plastic Products" coding
13 system developed by the international organization for standardization
14 (ISO).

15 (2) On or after January 1, 1997, plastic bottles and rigid plastic
16 containers offered for sale shall not be labeled with a resin
17 identification code other than that in subsection (1) of this section.

1 (3) On or after January 1, 1997, plastic bottles or rigid plastic
2 containers shall not be labeled with a code stating or implying
3 recyclability with a symbol consisting of three triangulated arrows.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.95F.030 and 1991 c 319 s 105 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A person who, after written notice from the department,
7 violates ((RCW 70.95F.020)) section 1 of this act is subject to a civil
8 penalty of fifty dollars for each violation up to a maximum of five
9 hundred dollars and may be enjoined from continuing violations. Each
10 distribution constitutes a separate offense.

11 (2) Retailers and distributors shall have two years from May 21,
12 ((1991)) 1997, to clear current inventory, delivered or received and
13 held in their possession as of May 21, ((1991)) 1997.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.95F.020 and 1991 c 319 s 104 are each
15 repealed, effective January 1, 1997.

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