
SENATE BILL NO. 197—SENATORS SCHEIBLE; PARKS AND RATTI

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to trade practices.
(BDR 52-746)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to trade practices; prohibiting the importation and sale of cosmetics for which testing was performed on an animal; providing a civil penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill prohibits, under certain circumstances, a manufacturer from importing,
2 selling or offering for sale in this State any cosmetic for which testing was
3 performed on certain animals. This bill provides certain exemptions to the
4 prohibition for certain animal testing that is performed pursuant to federal, state or
5 foreign regulatory requirements or before a certain date. This bill also: (1) provides
6 that a manufacturer that violates the prohibition is liable for certain civil penalties,
7 punitive damages, costs and fees; and (2) authorizes any person to maintain an
8 action against a manufacturer that violates the prohibition and to seek an injunction
9 and reasonable attorney’s fees and costs. If such an action involves any trade
10 secrets, existing law provides protections for the trade secrets. (NRS 49.325,
11 600A.070)

12 Additionally, this bill prohibits any political subdivision of this State or agency
13 thereof from establishing or continuing prohibitions that are not identical to the
14 provisions of this bill. This bill also allows an inventory of cosmetics which is
15 otherwise in violation of the prohibition on or relating to animal testing to be sold
16 on or before June 30, 2020.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 597 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, a*
4 *manufacturer shall not import for profit, sell or offer for sale in*
5 *this State any cosmetic for which the manufacturer knew or*
6 *reasonably should have known that animal testing was conducted*
7 *or contracted by or on behalf of the manufacturer or any supplier*
8 *of the manufacturer if the animal testing was conducted on or*
9 *after January 1, 2020.*

10 2. *The prohibition in subsection 1 does not apply to animal*
11 *testing that is conducted:*

12 (a) *To comply with a requirement of a federal or state*
13 *regulatory agency if:*

14 (1) *The cosmetic or ingredient in the cosmetic which is*
15 *tested is in wide use and cannot be replaced by another ingredient*
16 *which is capable of performing a similar function;*

17 (2) *A specific human health problem relating to the*
18 *cosmetic or ingredient is substantiated and the need to conduct*
19 *animal testing is justified and supported by a detailed protocol for*
20 *research that is proposed as the basis for the evaluation of the*
21 *cosmetic or ingredient; and*

22 (3) *There does not exist a method of testing other than*
23 *animal testing that is accepted for the relevant purpose by the*
24 *federal or state regulatory agency.*

25 (b) *To comply with a requirement of a regulatory agency of a*
26 *foreign jurisdiction, if no evidence derived from such testing was*
27 *relied upon to substantiate the safety of a cosmetic sold within this*
28 *State by the manufacturer.*

29 (c) *On any product or ingredient in the cosmetic subject to the*
30 *requirements of Subchapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and*
31 *Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§ 351 et seq.*

32 (d) *For purposes unrelated to cosmetics pursuant to a*
33 *requirement of a federal, state or foreign regulatory agency, if no*
34 *evidence derived from such testing was relied upon to substantiate*
35 *the safety of a cosmetic sold within this State by the manufacturer.*
36 *A manufacturer is not prohibited from reviewing, assessing or*
37 *retaining evidence from animal testing which is conducted*
38 *pursuant to this paragraph.*

39 3. *This section does not apply to:*

40 (a) *A cosmetic if the cosmetic in its final form was tested on*
41 *animals before January 1, 2020, even if the cosmetic is*
42 *manufactured on or after that date; or*



1 (b) *An ingredient in a cosmetic if the ingredient was sold in*
2 *this State and was tested on animals before January 1, 2020, even*
3 *if the ingredient is manufactured on or after that date.*

4 4. *A manufacturer that violates the provisions of subsection 1*
5 *is liable for:*

6 (a) *A civil penalty of not more than:*

7 (1) *For the first violation, \$2,500; and*

8 (2) *For the second or subsequent violation, \$5,000 for each*
9 *violation;*

10 (b) *Punitive damages of not more than \$10,000, if the facts*
11 *warrant; and*

12 (c) *The costs incurred to recover the civil penalty and, if*
13 *applicable, punitive damages, including, without limitation:*

14 (1) *The costs, if any, of conducting an investigation into the*
15 *violation;*

16 (2) *Reasonable costs specified in NRS 18.005; and*

17 (3) *Reasonable attorney's fees.*

18 5. *An action to recover the civil penalty and, if applicable,*
19 *punitive damages may be brought by any person, including,*
20 *without limitation, a consumer, a governmental agency, the*
21 *Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney or a nonprofit*
22 *organization that has an interest in preventing a manufacturer*
23 *from violating the provisions of subsection 1, as appropriate. The*
24 *action may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in*
25 *the city or county in which:*

26 (a) *Either party resides;*

27 (b) *The defendant may be found; or*

28 (c) *The violation occurred.*

29 6. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any money*
30 *awarded by a court pursuant to this section must be awarded to the*
31 *person or governmental entity that brought the action. If a court*
32 *imposes punitive damages pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection*
33 *4, the amount of punitive damages:*

34 (a) *Must be awarded to the county in which the action was*
35 *brought and used for costs associated with the shelter, care and*
36 *impoundment of mistreated animals; and*

37 (b) *Is separate from, and in addition to, any other penalty,*
38 *costs or fees awarded to the person or governmental entity that*
39 *brought the action.*

40 7. *The civil remedy provided by this section is in addition to,*
41 *and not exclusive of, any other available remedy or penalty.*

42 8. *In addition to any other remedy provided by law, any*
43 *person may maintain an action against a manufacturer that*
44 *violates the provisions of subsection 1, seek to enjoin the*
45 *importation for profit, sale or offer for sale in this State a cosmetic*



1 *described in subsection 1 and seek reasonable attorney's fees and*
2 *costs.*

3 *9. No county, city, local government or other political*
4 *subdivision of this State or agency thereof may establish or*
5 *continue any prohibition on or relating to animal testing that is*
6 *not identical to the prohibitions set forth in this section and that*
7 *does not include the exemptions contained in this section.*

8 *10. As used in this section:*

9 *(a) "Animal testing" means the internal or external*
10 *application of a cosmetic, either in its final form or any ingredient*
11 *thereof, to the skin, eyes or other body part of a live, nonhuman*
12 *vertebrate.*

13 *(b) "Consumer" means a natural person.*

14 *(c) "Cosmetic" means any article intended to be rubbed,*
15 *poured, sprinkled or sprayed on, introduced into or otherwise*
16 *applied to the human body or any part thereof for cleansing,*
17 *beautifying, promoting attractiveness or altering the appearance,*
18 *including, without limitation, personal hygiene products such as*
19 *deodorant, shampoo or conditioner.*

20 *(d) "Ingredient" has the meaning ascribed to it in 21 C.F.R. §*
21 *700.3(e).*

22 *(e) "Manufacturer" means any person whose name appears*
23 *on the label of a cosmetic pursuant to the requirements of 21*
24 *C.F.R. § 701.12.*

25 *(f) "Supplier" means any entity that supplies, directly or*
26 *through a third party, any ingredient used by a manufacturer in*
27 *the formulation of a cosmetic.*

28 **Sec. 2.** An inventory of cosmetics which is otherwise in
29 violation of section 1 of this act on January 1, 2020, may be sold on
30 or before June 30, 2020.

31 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2020.

