

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 771

Short Title: Degradable Connector Rings.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Redwine; Justus, H. Hunter, Walker, and Duncan.

Referred to: Infrastructure.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT, AFTER JANUARY 1, 1990, THE SALE OF CONTAINERS
3 THAT ARE CONNECTED TO OTHER CONTAINERS BY PLASTIC
4 CONNECTOR RINGS UNLESS THE CONNECTOR RINGS ARE
5 DEGRADABLE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 130A-290 is amended by adding a subdivision as follows:

8 "(1c) 'Degradable' means is capable, after being discarded or disposed, of
9 decomposing to components other than heavy metals or other toxic substances, due to
10 exposure to bacteria, light, or the natural elements."

11 Sec. 2. Article 9 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by
12 adding a subsection as follows:

13 **"§ 130A-295.2. Degradable connector rings required.**

14 After January 1, 1990, no container shall be sold or offered for sale within this State
15 that is connected to other containers by a separate holding device constructed of plastic
16 rings unless the rings are composed of material which is degradable within 180 days, or
17 by any other device unless the device is degradable within 180 days. Notice of
18 degradability shall be embossed or otherwise indicated on the holding device."

19 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.