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Short Title: Ban Foam Packaging.

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Sponsors: Senator Winner.

Referred to: Environment & Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OR SALE OF FOAM PACKAGING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 52 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 14-399.2. Foam packaging prohibited.**

(a) After January 1, 1991, no person shall distribute, sell, or expose for sale in this State, any product packaged in a container or packaging material manufactured with fully halogenated chlorofluorocarbons.

(b) After January 1, 1991, no person shall sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale in this State any polystyrene foam or plastic-coated paper product that is to be used in conjunction with food for human consumption unless the product is degradable within 24 months.

(c) For the purpose of this section, 'degradable' means is capable of decomposing, after being discarded or disposed of, to components other than heavy metals or other toxic substances due to exposure to bacteria, light, or the natural elements.

(d) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.