

A Bill to Ban Polystyrene Food and Beverage Containers in Minnesota

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The purpose of this bill is to ban the use of Extruded Polystyrene Foam
2 (ESP) take out and beverage containers in Minnesota restaurants, with the
3 exception of No. 6 coffee lids and paper cups lined with ESP, as there is no
4 cost-effective alternative.

5 **SECTION 2. Definition of ESP (Polystyrene foam):** "Extruded Polystyrene Foam"
6 made of #6 plastic resins, which are not easily recycled. Often called
7 "Styrofoam™"

8 **SECTION 3.** A penalty for any restaurant found using and distributing ESP (polystyrene)
9 take out or beverage containers shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a
10 fine of up to \$1,000. The county Food, Pool and Lodging Services (FPL)
11 will deal with violations reported by citizens, and restaurant inspectors.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be effective as of April 22 (Earth Day), 2017.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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