



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 304**

130th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** Skindell, Tavares

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits the sale of cosmetics or personal care products containing microbeads.
- Establishes a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 for each day of violation and, for a subsequent violation, a civil fine of not more than \$2,500 for each day of violation.
- Authorizes the Director of Agriculture to adopt rules necessary to implement the bill.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill prohibits the sale of cosmetics or personal care products containing microbeads.<sup>1</sup> A violator is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 for each day of violation and, for a subsequent violation, a civil fine of not more than \$2,500 for each day of violation.<sup>2</sup> The bill authorizes the Director of Agriculture to adopt rules that the Director considers necessary to implement the bill.<sup>3</sup>

Under the bill, microbeads are micro-polymer particles, less than five millimeters in diameter, that are made of synthetic or semi-synthetic polymeric materials such as polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene terephthalate, polymethyl methacrylate, or a combination of such polymers. Personal care products are consumer products manufactured for use in personal hygiene and beautification, including a list of

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3715.522(B).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3715.99(F).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3715.522(C).

products such as anti-bacterial soaps, body washes, lotions, facial masks, shampoos, and toothpastes.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-27-14

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3715.522(A).

