

Summary Overview

Requires the use of substitute/safe chemicals

- Provides guidelines for Massachusetts to substitute and use safer alternatives to toxic chemicals currently used, sold and produced in the Commonwealth.
- It creates **3** lists of priority toxic substances
- Creates a First, Second, and Third list of priority toxic substances
- Provides guidelines for the designation of a substance as a priority toxic substance.
- Mandates the replacement of the use, manufacture, emission and distribution of the articulated priority toxic substances with the safest available alternatives.
- Allows an advisory committee to establish a subcommittee to advise the council on possible safer alternatives.

Changes to TURI

- Outlines the Toxic Use Reduction Institute's responsibilities including how the institute will establish programs that provide information, education, and training on toxic chemicals and safer alternatives to these chemicals.
- Establishes guidelines for categorizing various toxic substances and creates Safer Alternative Assessment Reports, or SAARs, used to educate the public on the impacts of use and replacement of toxic substances.

Chemical Plans

- Regulates the contents of these chemical action plans including, alternative products and implementation plans.
- Regulates implementation plans, including possible negative economic impacts, deadlines for implementation and dates discontinuing or substituting the use of these toxic substances.

Governmental Implications

- Directs the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to establish chemical action plans for each priority toxic substance which designates steps and timelines for replacing each category of use.
- Requires the completion of action plans within five years and also directs DEP to establish a priority toxic user registry.
- Creates and regulates the membership and operations of the safer alternatives oversight board.
- Regulates the issuance of grants by DEP and regulates the addition of substances to the priority toxic substance list.
- Establishes a fee on the sale or distribution of toxic substances in the Commonwealth.