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NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to trade regulations; requiring retailers to display signage warning about  
1.3 the dangers of mercury-containing skin-lightening products; proposing coding for  
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[325F.998] SKIN-LIGHTENER SIGNAGE REQUIRED.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Signage required.** After August 1, 2026, at each location where  
1.8 skin-lightening products are sold at retail, the retailer must display a sign in plain view to  
1.9 provide public notice that selling skin-lightening products that contain mercury is illegal  
1.10 and subject to penalties, and that using skin-lightening products that contain mercury may  
1.11 result in adverse health consequences. The notice must be placed in a conspicuous location  
1.12 in the retail establishment and must be readily visible to any person who is purchasing or  
1.13 attempting to purchase skin-lightening products.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Signage development.** The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency and  
1.15 the commissioner of health, in consultation with community-based organizations that have  
1.16 worked to raise awareness about mercury in skin-lightening products, must jointly develop  
1.17 the signage required by subdivision 1. Words on the signage must be displayed in at least  
1.18 the English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali, French, Ethiopian, and Oromo languages.