1	H.545
2	Introduced by Representatives Munger of South Burlington and McCullough
3	of Williston
4	Referred to Committee on
5	Date:
6	Subject: Health; environmental health; formaldehyde; exposure
7	Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to ban the use of formaldehyde in the
8	cleaning or maintenance of domestic animals' hooves.
9 10	An act relating to the use of formaldehyde in the cleaning of domestic animals' hooves
11	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
12	Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1513 is added to read:
13	§ 1513. FORMALDEHYDE
14	(a) As used in this section:
15	(1) "Domestic animal" means a pet as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 323, or
16	livestock as defined in 6 V.S.A. § 761.
17	(2) "Formaldehyde" means the chemical substance, HCHO.
18	(b) Formaldehyde or a chemical mixture containing formaldehyde shall not
19	be used in the cleaning or maintenance of domestic animals' hooves.

1	(c) Pursuant to this section, carcinogens rated by the U.S. Environmental
2	Protection Agency (EPA) as A, B, or C carcinogens or substances listed on the
3	EPA's "List of Chemicals Evaluated for Carcinogenic Potential" as known or
4	likely carcinogens, known to be human carcinogens, likely to be human
5	carcinogens, or suggestive of being carcinogens shall not be used to replace
6	formaldehyde in the cleaning or maintenance of domestic animals' hooves.
7	(d) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section commits a civil
8	violation and shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$250.00, which
9	shall be enforced by the commissioner of health or the secretary of agriculture,
10	food and markets.
11	Sec. 2. 4 V.S.A. § 1102(b) is amended to read:
12	(b) The judicial bureau shall have jurisdiction of the following matters:
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14	(23) Violations of 18 V.S.A. § 1513, relating to the use of formaldehyde
15	in the cleaning or maintenance of domestic animals' hooves.
16	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
17	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.