

Title 21

Food and Drugs

Chapter 27.2

Single-Use Plastic Straws [Effective January 1, 2022.]

R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-27.2-1

§ 21-27.2-1. Definitions. [Effective January 1, 2022.]

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Food service establishment" shall have the meaning set forth in § 21-27-1.

(2) "Single-use plastic straw" means a single-use, disposable tube made predominantly of plastic derived from either petroleum or a biologically based polymer, such as corn or other plant sources, used to transfer a beverage from a container to the mouth of the person drinking the beverage. "Single-use plastic straw" does not include a straw made from non-plastic materials, including, but not limited to, paper, pasta, sugar cane, wood, or bamboo.

History of Section.

P.L. 2021, ch. 202, § 1, effective January 1, 2022; P.L. 2021, ch. 203, § 1, effective January 1, 2022.

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R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-27.2-2

§ 21-27.2-2. Prohibited practices exception. [Effective January 1, 2022.]

A food service establishment shall not provide a single-use plastic straw to a consumer unless requested by the consumer.

History of Section.

P.L. 2021, ch. 202, § 1, effective January 1, 2022; P.L. 2021, ch. 203, § 1, effective January 1, 2022.

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R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-27.2-3

§ 21-27.2-3. Penalties. [Effective January 1, 2022.]

The first and second violations of this chapter shall result in a notice of violation, and any subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each violation by the service establishment, but not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) annually.

History of Section.

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R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-27.2-4

§ 21-27.2-4. Enforcement. [Effective January 1, 2022.]

The director of health shall promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

History of Section.

P.L. 2021, ch. 202, § 1, effective January 1, 2022; P.L. 2021, ch. 203, § 1, effective January 1, 2022.