

Alaska Nurses Association (AaNA)
2010 Resolution #7
Resolution on Polybrominated Diphenylethers (PBDEs)
10/17/2010

Whereas, PBDEs are toxic, endocrine-disrupting flame retardant chemicals added to plastics, foam products and textiles; and

Whereas, prenatal exposures to PBDEs at levels commonly found in households have been shown in studies to be associated with adverse neurodevelopmental effects in young children; and

Whereas, people living in North America have levels of PDBEs that are 10-40 times higher than individuals living in Europe or Japan and people living in northern regions are particularly vulnerable to PBDE exposure; and

Whereas, safer and economically viable alternatives are available and are already being used by some manufacturers of computers and other products; and

Whereas, the American Public Health Association and International Association of Fire Fighters have urged the phase-out of PDBEs and other harmful chemicals when safe alternatives are readily available;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Alaska Nurses Association supports the passage of SB295.

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