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HOUSE BILL NO. 532

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring the placement of certain coding on  
certain plastic bottles and containers; and providing  
for an effective date."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 46.06 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 46.06.095. CODING REQUIRED. (a) A person may not manufac-

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ture, sell, or offer to sell a plastic bottle or a rigid plastic  
container unless a code that identifies the type of resin used to  
produce the bottle or container and that complies with (b) of this  
section is molded into or imprinted on or near the bottom of the  
bottle or container.

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(b) The design for the code required under (a) of this section

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consists of a number placed within a triangle of arrows and of letters  
placed below the triangle of arrows. The triangle must be equilat-  
eral, formed by three arrows with the apex of the point of each trian-  
gle at the midpoint of each arrow, rounded with a short radius. The  
arrowhead of each arrow must be at the midpoint of each side of the  
triangle with a short gap separating the arrowhead from the base of  
the adjacent arrow. The triangle formed by the arrows must depict a  
clockwise path around the number.

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(c) The numbers and letters for the codes required under (a) of

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this section to identify types of resin are the following:

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(1) 1 and PETE, representing polyethylene terephthalate;

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(2) 2 and HDPE, representing high density polyethylene;

- 1           (3) 3 and V, representing vinyl;  
2           (4) 4 and LDPE, representing low density polyethylene;  
3           (5) 5 and PP, representing polypropylene;  
4           (6) 6 and PS, representing polystyrene; and  
5           (7) 7 and OTHER, representing all other plastic resins.

6           (d) The department shall maintain a list of the codes in (c) of  
7 this section and provide a copy of the list upon request.

8           (e) A person who violates (a) of this section is guilty of a  
9 violation.

10          (f) In this section,

11           (1) "plastic" means a material made of polymeric organic  
12 compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow;

13           (2) "plastic bottle" means a plastic container that is  
14 intended for single use and that

15                   (A) has a neck smaller than the body of the container;

16                   (B) accepts a screw-top, snap-cap, or other closure;

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18                   (C) has a capacity of not less than 16 fluid ounces or  
19 more than five gallons;

20           (3) "rigid plastic container" means a formed or molded  
21 container that is intended for single use, that is composed predomi-  
22 nately of plastic resin, and that has a relatively inflexible finite  
23 shape or form having a capacity of not less than eight ounces or more  
24 than five gallons; "rigid plastic container" does not include a plas-  
25 tic bottle.

26          \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.