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# S. 2902

To prohibit the sale or distribution of certain cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Microbead-Free  
5 Waters Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF**  
2 **CERTAIN COSMETICS CONTAINING SYN-**  
3 **THETIC PLASTIC MICROBEADS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 601 of the Federal Food,  
5 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 361) is amended by  
6 adding at the end the following:

7 “(f) If it is a cosmetic identified by the Secretary  
8 under section 2(c)(2) of the Microbead-Free Waters Act  
9 of 2014 and it contains synthetic plastic microbeads.”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

12 (c) **RULEMAKING.**—Not later than January 1, 2017,  
13 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting  
14 through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall pro-  
15 mulgate a final rule that, for purposes of subsection (f)  
16 of section 601 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
17 Act (as added by subsection (a))—

18 (1) defines the term “synthetic plastic  
19 microbead”; and

20 (2) identifies the cosmetics to which such sub-  
21 section (f) shall apply.

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