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## Bill Summary

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H.F. 1656 prohibits the manufacture and sale of jewelry products containing lead above levels specified in the bill. Jewelry means ornaments worn by a person to include anklet, arm cuff, bracelet, brooch, chain, crown, cuff link, decorated hair accessories, earring, necklace, pin, ring, body piercing jewelry, bead, chain, link, pendant or other components of an ornament. The bill also covers surface coatings.

A more stringent prohibition on jewelry manufactured for or marketed to children under age 6 is established with regard to its lead content. Children's jewelry includes jewelry that is represented in its packaging, display, or advertising as appropriate for use by children; is sold in conjunction with, attached to or packaged with other products that are packaged, displayed or advertised as appropriate for use by children. Vending machine jewelry is included.

The bill also provides for testing standards and procedures for products regulated under this bill.

The attorney general is responsible for providing remedies for violation of the law.