

BPA ban passes California state Senate

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The California state Senate voted Tuesday to ban the plastic chemical bisphenol A, also known as BPA, from baby bottles and sippy cups sold statewide.

The Toxin-Free Infants and Toddlers Act (AB 1319) heads back to the state Assembly for a vote on Senate amendments later this year.

“(The) action by the Senate is further proof that the interests of California’s children can have a voice in Sacramento,” said Renee Sharp, head of the nonprofit Environmental Working Group’s California office.

Martha Dina Argüello, executive director of Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles, said Tuesday’s vote “is part of reasserting California’s leadership on environmental health protections.”

She said the measure was particularly important “since babies and children are most vulnerable to endocrine-disrupting chemicals” such as BPA.

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