

AB 1347

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SUMMARY

With the increasing adoption of e-receipts, paper receipts have become unnecessary and antiquated. Yet many businesses are still providing paper receipts, many of which are coated with toxic chemicals that makes them harmful to human health and nearly impossible to recycle. This bill would reduce waste and ensure that we don't expend valuable resources by simply requiring businesses to only provide a receipt upon the request of the customer.

BACKGROUND

Green America's [Skip the Slip](#) report found that over 3 million trees and 10 billion gallons of water in the United States are used to create proof of purchase receipts. These receipts generate 302 million pounds of waste and 4 billion pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the equivalent of more than 471,000 cars on the road.

In addition to expending valuable resources, paper receipts are typically made of thermal paper and are coated with toxic chemicals. The Ecology Center's [More than you Bargained For: BPS and BPA in Receipts](#) found that 93 percent of paper receipts are coated with Bisphenol-A (BPA) or Bisphenol-S (BPS). These toxic chemicals have been regulated by entities like the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which has banned BPA from baby bottles because they are known to disrupt hormones, causing cancerous tumors, birth defects, and other developmental issues.

These BPA- or BPS-coated receipts enter people's bodies simply by touching them. This poses a major risk to retail workers, who have 30 percent more BPA or BPS found in their bodies than others who do not have regular contact with receipts, according to the Environmental Working Group and the Center for Disease Control. Additionally, since the materials can't be separated and the BPA coating cannot be removed, many receipts are unable to be recycled and contribute to our waste stream. Recognizing these health and environmental

impacts, the states of Connecticut and Illinois have already banned the use of receipt paper containing BPA. In 2020, the European Union also banned the use of BPA on receipt paper.

Today there are many alternatives to paper receipts that retailers are already using. Data from Square shows that their sellers send over 10 million digital receipts each month, a free service they provide to their sellers in order to reduce the amount of paper receipts being printed. Reducing the number of paper receipts that are printed will not only vastly cut down the amount of waste that we produce, it will also save thousands of trees and gallons of water each year.

THIS BILL

Starting on January 1, 2024, this bill would require all businesses to ban the use of BPA on receipts. After 2025, all businesses would have to ban the use of any bisphenol on receipts.

Starting January 1, 2026 this bill would also require businesses that are subject to the California Consumer Protection Act (CCPA) to offer customers the option between a receipt and no receipt. Under this definition, the requirement to offer consumers with the different proof of purchase options only applies to businesses with over \$25 million in revenue.

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