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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 122

RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT HEALTH CONCERNS REGARDING WATER BEAD TOYS.

1 WHEREAS, a nationwide uproar has ensued due to the health and safety risks posed to children and pets by water
2 beads toys; and

3 WHEREAS, water beads are tiny balls made out of polymer material that are often sold in children's toys; and

4 WHEREAS, if ingested water beads can grow up to 100x their original size when exposed to water which can
5 cause choking, internal injuries, and death if undetected; and

6 WHEREAS, some of the symptoms of consuming a water bead is vomiting, dehydration, intestinal blockages, and
7 other life-threatening injuries; and

8 WHEREAS, up to several thousand can be in one toy; and

9 WHEREAS, due to the material it is made of, a dry water bead can fall out of the toy without making a sound,
10 making it more difficult to detect if the toy has opened up; and

11 WHEREAS, water beads toys are specifically marketed towards children from their bright colors and candy shape;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that parents and caregivers take away these
14 products from children aged 3 years or younger. Additionally, they advise allowing only supervised play for children older
15 than 3 with these items; and

16 WHEREAS, it is recommended to call the National Poison Help Line at 800-222-1222 if a water bead is
17 consumed by any individual; and

18 WHEREAS, water beads put children at a risk being sold here in Delaware.

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
21 Senate concurring therein, that we hereby encourage parents, childcare centers and preschools to take precautions when
22 allowing their children to play with water bead toys.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution calls for parents, childcare centers and preschools to take precautions when allowing kids to play with water bead toys in light of the significant health concerns they present for Delaware children.