

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Latex
5 Glove Ban Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

8 "EMS personnel" has the same meaning as provided in
9 Section 3.5 of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
10 Act.

11 "Food service establishment" means a food service
12 establishment as that term is used in the Food Handling
13 Regulation Enforcement Act.

14 "Health care facility personnel" means personnel of a
15 health care facility, as that term is defined under Section 3
16 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act.

17 Section 10. Use of latex gloves prohibited.

18 (a) On and after January 1, 2023, a food service
19 establishment may not permit employees to use latex gloves in
20 the preparation and handling of food. If latex gloves must be
21 used in the preparation of food due to a crisis that interrupts
22 a food service establishment's ability to source nonlatex

1 gloves, a sign shall be prominently placed at the point of
2 order or point of purchase clearly notifying the public of the
3 temporary change. To encourage compliance with this
4 subsection, the Department shall send a notice of warning to a
5 food service establishment for its first violation of this
6 subsection.

7 (b) Except as provided under Section 15, on and after
8 January 1, 2023, the use of latex gloves by EMS personnel is
9 prohibited.

10 (c) Except as provided under Section 15, on and after
11 January 1, 2024, the use of latex gloves by health care
12 facility personnel is prohibited if the patient upon whom the
13 latex gloves are to be used is unconscious or otherwise
14 physically unable to communicate and whose medical history
15 lacks sufficient information to indicate whether or not the
16 patient has a latex allergy.

17 Section 15. Exception; crisis situation. Notwithstanding
18 subsections (b) and (c) of Section 10, if a crisis exists that
19 interrupts their ability to reliably source nonlatex gloves,
20 EMS personnel and health care facility personnel may use latex
21 gloves upon a patient. However, during the crisis, EMS
22 personnel and health care facility personnel shall prioritize,
23 to the extent possible, using nonlatex gloves for the
24 treatment of:

25 (1) any patient with a self-identified allergy to

1 latex; and

2 (2) any patient upon whom the latex gloves are to be
3 used who is unconscious or otherwise physically unable to
4 communicate and whose medical history lacks sufficient
5 information to indicate whether or not the patient has a
6 latex allergy.