

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 128

Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by: (KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) As used in this section, 2 "Children's product" means a product, or article used as a component of 3 a product, designed or intended primarily for use by or for children 4 twelve years of age or younger, including, but not limited to, clothing, 5 toys, nursing pillows, crib mattresses, changing pads and strollers. 6 "Children's product" does not include food, beverages, dietary 7 supplements, pharmaceutical products, biologics, consumer electronics, 8 off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, children's toys that are 9 subject to the most recent version of the American Society for Testing 10 and Materials F963, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy 11 Safety, devices as defined by the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 12 21 USC 321(h) or products governed by federal motor vehicle standards 13 contained in 49 CFR 571.213 and 49 CFR 571.302, as amended from time 14 to time.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's

16 designee, as agent for the state shall enter into an interstate agreement 17 with the appropriate official from New York and the other New England 18 states, or any combination thereof, to prohibit a manufacturer, 19 wholesaler or retailer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering 20 for sale or distributing for use in this state, New York and the New 21 England states, as the case may be, any children's product that contains 22 one hundred parts per million or greater of any organohalogen flame 23 retardant chemical, including, but not limited to, chemicals containing the element bromine and chlorine bonded to a carbon that is added to a 24 25 plastic, foam or textile.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to enter into an interstate agreement with New York and the other New England states to prohibit the sale and distribution of children's products containing organohalogen flame retardant chemicals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]