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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the manufacture
and sale of seasonal and decorative lighting products containing lead

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 1376-b to read as follows:

3 § 1376-b. Manufacture and sale of seasonal and decorative lighting
4 products containing lead. 1. When used in this title, "seasonal and
5 decorative lighting product" shall mean portable, plug-connected, tempo-
6 rary-use lighting products and accessories that have a nominal 120-volt
7 input voltage rating.

8 (a) Lighting products within the scope of this rule are factory-assem-
9 bled with push-in, midjet or miniature screw base lamp holders connected
10 in series or parallel, directly across the 120-volt input.

11 (b) Such lighting products include, but are not limited to lighted
12 decorative outfits such as wired holiday string lights, pre-lit artifi-
13 cial Christmas trees, plants, flowers or wreaths, stockings, stars,
14 candles and light sculptures.

15 2. On each seasonal and decorative lighting product manufactured, sold
16 or delivered by a manufacturer or distributed within this state that
17 contains an electrical cord casing in which lead is used, there shall be
18 printed thereon or attached thereto a warning label.

19 3. Such warning label shall contain the following statement: "WARNING:
20 HANDLING THE COATED ELECTRICAL WIRE OF THIS PRODUCT MAY EXPOSE YOU TO
21 LEAD. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER USE."

22 4. Any person, firm, corporation or association who violates this
23 section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thou-
24 sand dollars for each such violation.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 5. The commissioner may waive the provisions of this section in whole
2 or in part upon finding by the commissioner in a particular instance
3 that there is no significant threat to public health.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
5 have become a law.