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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to articles of bedding

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 383 of the general business law, as added by chapter 309 of the laws of 1996, are amended to read as follows:

2. "New" shall mean any material or article which has not been previously used for any purpose, including by-products produced in the manufacture of new fabric, and material reclaimed from new fabric[; except that an article of bedding returned by the purchaser for exchange, alteration, or correction, within thirty days after date of delivery after original sale at retail, shall be deemed to be a new article, but thirty days after date of such delivery such article shall be deemed to be used];

3. "Used" shall mean any components, ARTICLES OR MATERIALS from [previously used] bedding NOT CLASSIFIED AS NEW.

S 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 385-b to read as follows:

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

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S 385-B. TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND SALE OF USED BEDDING. NO USED BEDDING SHALL BE TRANSPORTED, STORED OR SOLD WITH NEW BEDDING UNLESS THE USED BEDDING HAS BEEN: SANITIZED USING A METHOD APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THAT IS INTENDED TO KILL BEDBUGS, DUST MITES, OTHER INSECTS, MOLDS, FUNGI, GERMS OR OTHER ORGANISMS, AND TO REMOVE SOIL, DUST MITE AND INSECT FECES, ALLERGENS, AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS; OR ENCLOSED IN PLASTIC, POLYETHYLENE FILM OR SIMILAR MATERIAL DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF CONTAMINANTS.

S 3. Section 387 of the general business law, as amended by chapter 249 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

S 387. Inspections. Every place where articles of bedding are made, remade or renovated, or materials therefor are prepared or sterilized, or where such articles or materials are sold, shall be subject to ANNUAL inspection by the secretary of state who shall have power to inspect the manufacture, sale or delivery, and sanitization of all articles or materials covered by this article, to open and examine the contents thereof and power to seize and hold for evidence any article of bedding, in whole or in part, which the secretary has reason to believe is made or sold or held in possession in violation of this article. For the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this article the secretary shall have and may use the powers conferred on him by the executive law in addition to the powers conferred in this article.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.