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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to cadmium in children's products

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

1 Section 1. Article 37 of the environmental conservation law is amended
2 by adding a new title IV to read as follows:

3 TITLE IV

4 PROHIBITION ON CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

5 SECTION 37-0401. DEFINITIONS.

6 37-0403. PROHIBITIONS.

7 37-0405. EXEMPTIONS.

8 37-0407. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

9 37-0409. VIOLATIONS.

10 37-0411. PUBLIC ACCESS.

11 37-0413. REPORTS.

12 37-0415. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

13 S 37-0401. DEFINITIONS.

14 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE, THE TERM:

15 1. "DISTRIBUTOR" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP
16 OR CORPORATION, WHO TAKES TITLE TO OR POSSESSION OF GOODS OR PURCHASES
17 FOR RESALE OR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES.

18 2. "DISTRIBUTION" SHALL MEAN THE PRACTICE OF TAKING TITLE TO OR
19 POSSESSION OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES OR RESALE.
20 PERSONS INVOLVED SOLELY IN DELIVERING CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS
21 OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS ON BEHALF OF THIRD PARTIES ARE NOT CONSIDERED
22 DISTRIBUTORS.

23 3. "INCIDENTAL PRESENCE" SHALL MEAN THE PRESENCE OF CADMIUM AS AN
24 UNINTENDED OR UNDESIRE INGREDIENT OF A PRODUCT.

25 4. "INTENTIONAL INTRODUCTION" OR "INTENTIONALLY INTRODUCED" SHALL MEAN
26 THE ACT OF DELIBERATELY UTILIZING CADMIUM IN THE FORMATION OF A CHIL-
27 DREN'S PRODUCT WHERE ITS CONTINUED PRESENCE IS DESIRED IN THE FINAL
28 PRODUCT TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTIC, APPEARANCE, OR QUALITY.

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

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1 THE USE OF CADMIUM AS A PROCESSING AGENT OR INTERMEDIATE TO IMPART
2 CERTAIN CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL CHANGES DURING MANUFACTURING, WHEREUPON THE
3 INCIDENTAL RETENTION OF A RESIDUE OF ANY SUCH METAL IN THE FINAL COMPO-
4 NENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS NEITHER DESIRED NOR DELIBERATE, IS NOT
5 CONSIDERED INTENTIONAL INTRODUCTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE WHERE
6 THE FINAL CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBDIVISION THREE OF
7 SECTION 37-0405 OF THIS TITLE. THE USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS AS FEED
8 STOCK FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A NEW COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT,
9 WHERE SOME PORTION OF THE RECYCLED MATERIALS MAY CONTAIN AMOUNTS OF
10 CADMIUM, IS NOT CONSIDERED INTENTIONAL INTRODUCTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF
11 THIS TITLE WHERE THE NEW CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBDI-
12 VISION THREE OF SECTION 37-0405 OF THIS TITLE.

13 5. "MANUFACTURER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNER-
14 SHIP OR CORPORATION, WHO PRODUCES COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AS
15 DEFINED IN THIS TITLE.

16 6. "MANUFACTURING" SHALL MEAN PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF
17 MATERIALS TO PRODUCE COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.

18 7. "CHILDREN'S PRODUCT" SHALL MEAN A TOY, CHILDREN'S JEWELRY OR ANOTH-
19 ER ARTICLE, OTHER THAN CLOTHING, PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR USE BY A CHILD
20 UNDER TWELVE YEARS OF AGE. THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE CONSIDERED IN DETER-
21 MINING IF THE TOY OR ARTICLE IS INTENDED FOR A CHILD UNDER TWELVE YEARS
22 OF AGE:

23 (A) A STATEMENT BY A MANUFACTURER ABOUT THE INTENDED USE OF SUCH TOY
24 OR ARTICLE, INCLUDING A LABEL ON SUCH TOY OR ARTICLE;

25 (B) THE CONTEXT AND MANNER OF THE ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, AND MARKET-
26 ING ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOY OR ARTICLE; AND

27 (C) WHETHER THE TOY OR ARTICLE IS COMMONLY RECOGNIZED BY CONSUMERS AS
28 BEING INTENDED FOR USE BY A CHILD UNDER TWELVE YEARS OF AGE.

29 8. "CHILDREN'S JEWELRY" SHALL MEAN JEWELRY THAT IS MADE FOR, MARKETED
30 FOR USE BY, OR MARKETED TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE. "CHILDREN'S
31 JEWELRY" INCLUDES JEWELRY THAT MEETS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

32 (A) REPRESENTED IN ITS PACKAGING, DISPLAY OR ADVERTISING AS APPROPRI-
33 ATE FOR USE BY CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE;

34 (B) SOLD IN CONJUNCTION WITH, ATTACHED TO, OR PACKAGED TOGETHER WITH
35 OTHER PRODUCTS THAT ARE PACKAGED, DISPLAYED OR ADVERTISED AS APPROPRIATE
36 FOR USE BY CHILDREN;

37 (C) SIZED FOR CHILDREN AND NOT INTENDED FOR USE BY ADULTS; OR

38 (D) SOLD IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

39 (I) A VENDING MACHINE;

40 (II) RETAIL STORE, CATALOGUE OR ONLINE WEB SITE, IN WHICH A PERSON
41 EXCLUSIVELY OFFERS FOR SALE PRODUCTS THAT ARE PACKAGED, DISPLAYED OR
42 ADVERTISED AS APPROPRIATE FOR USE BY CHILDREN; OR

43 (III) A DISCRETE PORTION OF A RETAIL STORE, CATALOGUE OR ONLINE WEB
44 SITE, IN WHICH A PERSON OFFERS FOR SALE PRODUCTS THAT ARE PACKAGED,
45 DISPLAYED OR ADVERTISED AS APPROPRIATE FOR USE BY CHILDREN.

46 9. "PURCHASER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP
47 OR CORPORATION, WHO PURCHASES ANY CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS OF
48 CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS. THIS TERM SHALL NOT MEAN ANY RETAIL STORE OR INDI-
49 VIDUAL MAKING RETAIL PURCHASES.

50 10. "SUPPLIER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP
51 OR CORPORATION, WHO SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE, OR OFFERS FOR PROMOTIONAL
52 PURPOSES COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS FOR USE BY ANY OTHER PERSON,
53 FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION TO PACK PRODUCTS.

54 S 37-0403. PROHIBITIONS.

55 NO CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SHALL BE SOLD, OR OFFERED FOR SALE OR FOR
56 PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES BY A MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER WHICH

1 INCLUDES, IN THE CHILDREN'S PRODUCT ITSELF, OR IN ANY COMPONENT OF THE
2 CHILDREN'S PRODUCT, INKS, DYES, PIGMENTS, ADHESIVES, STABILIZERS OR ANY
3 OTHER ADDITIVES, ANY CADMIUM, WHICH HAS BEEN INTENTIONALLY INTRODUCED AS
4 AN ELEMENT DURING MANUFACTURING OR DISTRIBUTION.

5 S 37-0405. EXEMPTIONS.

6 ALL CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SHALL BE
7 SUBJECT TO THIS TITLE EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

8 1. THOSE CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS
9 WHICH HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO A DISTRIBUTOR, SUPPLIER OR MANUFACTURER
10 PRIOR TO JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN; OR THOSE PACKAGES OR PACK-
11 AGING COMPONENTS WITH A CODE INDICATING DATE OF MANUFACTURE PRIOR TO TWO
12 THOUSAND ELEVEN; OR

13 2. THOSE CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS TO
14 WHICH CADMIUM HAS BEEN ADDED IN THE MANUFACTURING, FORMING, PRINTING OR
15 DISTRIBUTION PROCESS IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH HEALTH OR SAFETY REQUIRE-
16 MENTS OF FEDERAL LAW OR FOR WHICH THERE IS NO PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE,
17 AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER, PROVIDED THAT THE MANUFACTURER OF A
18 CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS MUST PETITION THE
19 DEPARTMENT FOR ANY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE FOR A
20 PARTICULAR CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS BASED
21 ON THE CRITERIA OF THIS SUBDIVISION; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE
22 DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT AN EXEMPTION FOR UP TO TWO YEARS IF WARRANTED BY
23 THE CIRCUMSTANCES; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT SUCH AN EXEMPTION MAY, UPON
24 REAPPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION AND MEETING THE CRITERIA OF THIS SUBDIVI-
25 SION, BE RENEWED AT TWO-YEAR INTERVALS; OR

26 3. CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS THAT WOULD
27 NOT POSSESS CADMIUM BUT FOR THE ADDITION OF RECYCLED MATERIALS; PROVIDED
28 THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR THIS SUBDIVISION:

29 (A) SHALL NOT APPLY TO CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S
30 PRODUCTS THAT POSSESS CADMIUM AT A CONCENTRATION LEVEL THAT EXCEEDS .004
31 PERCENT BY WEIGHT (FORTY PARTS PER MILLION);

32 (B) SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CADMIUM THAT HAS BEEN RECOVERED AND/OR
33 SEPARATED FROM OTHER MATERIALS FOR USE AS A METAL OR METALLIC COMPOUND;
34 AND

35 (C) SHALL EXPIRE ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

36 S 37-0407. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

37 ANY MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER MUST FURNISH TO ANY PURCHAS-
38 ER OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT A
39 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE STATING THAT A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT
40 OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
41 TITLE. EXCEPT WHERE AN EXEMPTION IS PROVIDED IN SECTION 37-0405 OF THIS
42 TITLE THE CERTIFICATE SHALL STATE THE SPECIFIC BASIS UPON WHICH THE
43 EXEMPTION IS CLAIMED. THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE SIGNED BY
44 AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER. THE
45 PURCHASER SHALL RETAIN THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR AS LONG AS SUCH
46 PURCHASER IS USING THE CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S
47 PRODUCT. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE
48 BY THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER FOR EACH CHILDREN'S PRODUCT
49 OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT. IF A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR
50 SUPPLIER REFORMULATES OR CREATES A NEW CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT
51 OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT, IT SHALL FURNISH TO THE PURCHASER AN AMENDED OR
52 NEW CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE REFORMULATED OR NEW CHILDREN'S
53 PRODUCT OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT. CERTIFICATES OF COMPLI-
54 ANCE, OR COPIES THEREOF, SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON ITS
55 REQUEST AND TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 37-0411
56 OF THIS TITLE.

1 S 37-0409. VIOLATIONS.

2 1. A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE OR ANY RULE OR
3 REGULATION PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO SHALL BE PUNISHABLE IN THE CASE
4 OF A FIRST VIOLATION, BY A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND
5 DOLLARS. IN THE CASE OF A SECOND AND ANY FURTHER VIOLATION, THE LIABIL-
6 ITY SHALL BE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND
7 DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

8 2. NO MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER OF A PRODUCT SHALL BE HELD
9 IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE WHO CAN SHOW THAT, IN THE PURCHASE OF A PACK-
10 AGE OR PACKAGING COMPONENT, IT RELIED IN GOOD FAITH ON A CERTIFICATE OF
11 COMPLIANCE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 37-0407 OF THIS TITLE.

12 S 37-0411. PUBLIC ACCESS.

13 1. ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY REQUEST ANY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
14 FROM THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT
15 OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT. SUCH REQUEST SHALL BE:

16 (A) IN WRITING; AND

17 (B) SPECIFIC AS TO THE CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S
18 PRODUCT FOR WHICH INFORMATION IS REQUESTED.

19 2. THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER MUST RESPOND TO SUCH
20 REQUEST WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST.

21 S 37-0413. REPORTS.

22 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE A REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS
23 TITLE AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY
24 SECTION 27-0103 OF THIS CHAPTER.

25 S 37-0415. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

26 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ADOPT SUCH RULES AND REGU-
27 LATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS
28 TITLE.

29 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
30 have become a law.