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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring cordless window coverings in child day care centers, public institutions for children and certain other facilities

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

1     Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2     390-i to read as follows:  
3     S 390-I. CORDLESS WINDOW COVERINGS REQUIRED. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
4     SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH BELOW:  
5     (A) "BEADED CHAIN" MEANS A SERIES OF SMALL SPHERES, EQUALLY SPACED ON  
6     A CORD OR CONNECTED BY METAL SHAFTS USED TO RAISE AND LOWER A WINDOW  
7     COVERING.  
8     (B) "CORD LOOP" MEANS A CURVING OR DOUBLING OF A BEADED CHAIN OR CORD  
9     TO FORM A CLOSED LOOP.  
10    (C) "CORDLESS WINDOW COVERING" MEANS:  
11    (I) A HORIZONTAL BLIND OR CELLULAR SHADE THAT HAS NO DRAW CORD AND THE  
12    INTERNAL LIFT CORD RUNS IN THE SLATS OF THE HORIZONTAL BLIND SO THAT THE  
13    CORD IS INCAPABLE OF FORMING A LOOP GREATER THAN 7.25 INCHES;  
14    (II) A ROMAN SHADE, ROLL-UP BLIND, OR WOVEN SHADE THAT HAS NO DRAW  
15    CORD AND THE LIFT CORD IS COMPLETELY ENCLOSED SO THAT IT IS NOT ACCESSI-  
16    BLE;

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

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1 (III) A VERTICAL BLIND THAT HAS A WAND AS ITS OPERATING MECHANISM AND  
2 DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY BEADED CHAINS, CORDED PULLEYS, OR OTHER CORD LOOP  
3 OPERATING MECHANISMS; AND

4 (IV) A ROLLER SHADE THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN A CORD OR BEADED CHAIN.

5 (D) "DRAW CORD" MEANS ANY FORM OF ROPE, STRAP, OR STRING USED TO RAISE  
6 OR LOWER A WINDOW COVERING.

7 (E) "INTERNAL LIFT CORD" MEANS A CORD THAT IS CONTAINED INSIDE THE  
8 BODY AND RAILS OF THE BLIND OR SHADE.

9 (F) "WAND" MEANS A ROD USED TO:

10 (I) ROTATE A VERTICAL BLIND; OR

11 (II) TILT A HORIZONTAL BLIND.

12 2. ANY AGENCY BOARDING HOME, GROUP HOME, CHILD DAY CARE CENTER, PUBLIC  
13 INSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN, OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENCY NOT INCLUDING A  
14 FOSTER HOME, FAMILY DAY CARE CENTER OR GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE CENTER  
15 INSTALLING NEW OR REPLACEMENT WINDOW COVERINGS ON OR AFTER OCTOBER  
16 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, SHALL INSTALL CORDLESS WINDOW COVERINGS OR  
17 WINDOW COVERINGS WITH INACCESSIBLE OPERATIONAL AND INNER CORDS.

18 3. ANY AGENCY BOARDING HOME, GROUP HOME, CHILD DAY CARE CENTER, OR  
19 PUBLIC INSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENCY NOT INCLUDING A  
20 FOSTER HOME, FAMILY DAY CARE CENTER OR GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE CENTER THAT  
21 HAS WINDOW COVERINGS IN PLACE BEFORE OCTOBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIR-  
22 TEEN, SHALL MEET MINIMUM SAFETY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN REGULATIONS  
23 JOINTLY ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT INCLUDE STANDARDS FOR:

25 (A) ROMAN SHADES, ROLL-UP SHADES, WOVEN SHADES, AND ALL WINDOW  
26 COVERINGS WITH EXPOSED AND UNSECURED CORDS;

27 (B) HORIZONTAL BLINDS, CELLULAR SHADES, AND ALL WINDOW COVERINGS THAT  
28 HAVE DRAW CORDS FOR THEIR OPERATION; AND

29 (C) VERTICAL BLINDS AND OTHER WINDOW COVERING PRODUCTS WITH LOOPS  
30 UTILIZED IN THEIR OPERATION.

31 4. IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION  
32 THREE OF THIS SECTION, THE AUTHORIZED AGENCY SHALL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT  
33 OF EXISTING WINDOW COVERINGS WITH CORDLESS WINDOW COVERINGS OR WINDOW  
34 COVERINGS WITH INACCESSIBLE OPERATIONAL AND INNER CORDS.

35 S 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013. Effective immediate-  
36 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
37 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
38 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such  
39 effective date.