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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 COVERINGS" INCLUDE:
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;
17 (III) A VERTICAL BLIND THAT HAS A WAND AS ITS OPERATING MECHANISM AND
18 DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY BEADED CHAINS, CORDED PULLEYS, OR OTHER CORD LOOP
19 OPERATING MECHANISMS; AND
20 (IV) A ROLLER SHADE THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN A CORD OR BEADED CHAIN.
21 (D) "DRAW CORD" MEANS ANY FORM OF ROPE, STRAP, OR STRING USED TO RAISE
22 OR LOWER A WINDOW COVERING.

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

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

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

4 (I) ROTATE A VERTICAL BLIND; OR

5 (II) TILT A HORIZONTAL BLIND.

6 2. ANY AGENCY BOARDING HOME, GROUP HOME, CHILD DAY CARE CENTER, PUBLIC
7 INSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN, OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENCY NOT INCLUDING A
8 FOSTER HOME, FAMILY DAY CARE CENTER OR GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE CENTER
9 INSTALLING NEW OR REPLACEMENT WINDOWS SHALL INSTALL CORDLESS WINDOW
10 COVERINGS OR WINDOW COVERINGS WITH INACCESSIBLE OPERATIONAL AND INNER
11 CORDS.

12 3. WINDOW COVERINGS, IN PLACE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
13 SECTION, IN ANY AGENCY BOARDING HOME, GROUP HOME, CHILD DAY CARE CENTER,
14 OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENCY NOT INCLUD-
15 ING A FOSTER HOME, FAMILY DAY CARE CENTER OR GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE
16 CENTER SHALL:

17 (A) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANSI/WCMA A100.1-2012 OR ANY SUCCESSOR
18 STANDARD THERETO ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANSI PROCEDURES, INCLUDING
19 STANDARDS FOR:

20 (I) ROMAN SHADES, ROLL-UP SHADES, WOVEN SHADES, AND ALL WINDOW
21 COVERINGS WITH EXPOSED AND UNSECURED CORDS;

22 (II) HORIZONTAL BLINDS, CELLULAR SHADES, AND ALL WINDOW COVERINGS THAT
23 HAVE EXPOSED DRAW CORDS FOR THEIR OPERATION;

24 (III) VERTICAL BLINDS AND OTHER WINDOW COVERING PRODUCTS WITH LOOPS
25 UTILIZED IN THEIR OPERATION; OR

26 (B) BE RETROFITTED WITH REPAIR KITS APPROVED BY THE CONSUMER PRODUCT
27 SAFETY COMMISSION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CONSUMERS BY THE WINDOW COVERING
28 SAFETY COUNCIL.

29 4. IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION
30 THREE OF THIS SECTION, ON OR AFTER OCTOBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN
31 THE AUTHORIZED AGENCY MAY REQUIRE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WINDOW
32 COVERINGS WITH CORDLESS WINDOW COVERINGS OR WINDOW COVERINGS WITH INAC-
33 CESSIBLE OPERATIONAL AND INNER CORDS.

34 S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
35 have become a law; provided that subdivision four of section 390-i of
36 the social services law, as added by section one of this act, shall take
37 effect on October 1, 2016. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
38 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
39 tation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to
40 be made and completed on or before such effective date.