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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 VIII to read as follows:

3 TITLE VIII

4 PROHIBITION ON CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

5 SECTION 37-0801. DEFINITIONS.

6 37-0803. PROHIBITIONS.

7 37-0805. EXEMPTIONS.

8 37-0807. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

9 37-0809. VIOLATIONS.

10 37-0811. PUBLIC ACCESS.

11 37-0813. REPORTS.

12 37-0815. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

13 S 37-0801. 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.

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

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1 3. "INCIDENTAL PRESENCE" SHALL MEAN THE PRESENCE OF CADMIUM AS AN  
2 UNINTENDED OR UNDESIRE D INGREDIENT OF A PRODUCT.

3 4. "INTENTIONAL INTRODUCTION" OR "INTENTIONALLY INTRODUCED" SHALL MEAN  
4 THE ACT OF DELIBERATE LY UTILIZING CADMIUM IN THE FORMATION OF A CHIL-  
5 DREN'S PRODUCT WHERE ITS CONTINUED PRESENCE IS DESIRED IN THE FINAL  
6 PRODUCT TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTIC, APPEARANCE OR QUALITY.  
7 THE USE OF CADMIUM AS A PROCESSING AGENT OR INTERMEDIATE TO IMPART  
8 CERTAIN CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL CHANGES DURING MANUFACTURING, WHEREUPON THE  
9 INCIDENTAL RETENTION OF A RESIDUE OF ANY SUCH METAL IN THE FINAL COMPO-  
10 NENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS NEITHER DESIRED NOR DELIBERATE, IS NOT  
11 CONSIDERED INTENTIONAL INTRODUCTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE WHERE  
12 THE FINAL CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBDIVISION THREE OF  
13 SECTION 37-0805 OF THIS TITLE. THE USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS AS FEED  
14 STOCK FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A NEW COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT,  
15 WHERE SOME PORTION OF THE RECYCLED MATERIALS MAY CONTAIN AMOUNTS OF  
16 CADMIUM, IS NOT CONSIDERED INTENTIONAL INTRODUCTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
17 THIS TITLE WHERE THE NEW CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBDI-  
18 VISION THREE OF SECTION 37-0805 OF THIS TITLE.

19 5. "MANUFACTURER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNER-  
20 SHIP OR CORPORATION, WHO PRODUCES COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (A) IS REPRESENTED IN ITS PACKAGING, DISPLAY OR ADVERTISING AS APPRO-  
38 PRIATE FOR USE BY CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE;

39 (B) IS SOLD IN CONJUNCTION WITH, ATTACHED TO, OR PACKAGED TOGETHER  
40 WITH OTHER PRODUCTS THAT ARE PACKAGED, DISPLAYED OR ADVERTISED AS APPRO-  
41 PRIATE FOR USE BY CHILDREN;

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

43 (D) IS SOLD IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

44 (I) A VENDING MACHINE;

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

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

51 9. "PURCHASER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP  
52 OR CORPORATION, WHO PURCHASES ANY CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS OF  
53 CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS. THIS TERM SHALL NOT MEAN ANY RETAIL STORE OR INDI-  
54 VIDUAL MAKING RETAIL PURCHASES.

55 10. "SUPPLIER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP  
56 OR CORPORATION, WHO SELLS, OFFERS FOR SALE OR OFFERS FOR PROMOTIONAL

1 PURPOSES COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS FOR USE BY ANY OTHER PERSON,  
2 FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION TO PACK PRODUCTS.  
3 S 37-0803. PROHIBITIONS.

4 NO CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS SHALL BE SOLD, OR OFFERED FOR SALE OR FOR  
5 PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES BY A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER WHICH  
6 INCLUDES, IN THE CHILDREN'S PRODUCT ITSELF, OR IN ANY COMPONENT OF THE  
7 CHILDREN'S PRODUCT, INKS, DYES, PIGMENTS, ADHESIVES, STABILIZERS OR ANY  
8 OTHER ADDITIVES, ANY CADMIUM, WHICH HAS BEEN INTENTIONALLY INTRODUCED AS  
9 AN ELEMENT DURING MANUFACTURING OR DISTRIBUTION.

10 S 37-0805. EXEMPTIONS.

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

13 1. THOSE CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENTS OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS  
14 WHICH HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO A DISTRIBUTOR, SUPPLIER OR MANUFACTURER  
15 PRIOR TO JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN; OR THOSE PACKAGES OR  
16 PACKAGING COMPONENTS WITH A CODE INDICATING DATE OF MANUFACTURE PRIOR TO  
17 TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN;

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

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

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

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

40 (C) SHALL EXPIRE ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.

41 S 37-0807. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

42 ANY MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER MUST FURNISH TO ANY PURCHAS-  
43 ER OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT A  
44 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE STATING THAT A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT  
45 OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS  
46 TITLE. EXCEPT WHERE AN EXEMPTION IS PROVIDED IN SECTION 37-0805 OF THIS  
47 TITLE THE CERTIFICATE SHALL STATE THE SPECIFIC BASIS UPON WHICH THE  
48 EXEMPTION IS CLAIMED. THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE SIGNED BY  
49 AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL OF THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER. THE  
50 PURCHASER SHALL RETAIN THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR AS LONG AS SUCH  
51 PURCHASER IS USING THE CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S  
52 PRODUCT. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE  
53 BY THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER FOR EACH CHILDREN'S PRODUCT  
54 OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT. IF A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR  
55 SUPPLIER REFORMULATES OR CREATES A NEW CHILDREN'S PRODUCT OR COMPONENT  
56 OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT, IT SHALL FURNISH TO THE PURCHASER AN AMENDED OR

1 NEW CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE REFORMULATED OR NEW CHILDREN'S  
2 PRODUCT OR COMPONENT OF A CHILDREN'S PRODUCT. CERTIFICATES OF COMPLI-  
3 ANCE, OR COPIES THEREOF, SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON ITS  
4 REQUEST AND TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 37-0811  
5 OF THIS TITLE.

6 S 37-0809. VIOLATIONS.

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

13 2. NO MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR SUPPLIER OF A PRODUCT SHALL BE HELD  
14 IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE WHO CAN SHOW THAT, IN THE PURCHASE OF A PACK-  
15 AGE OR PACKAGING COMPONENT, IT RELIED IN GOOD FAITH ON A CERTIFICATE OF  
16 COMPLIANCE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 37-0807 OF THIS TITLE.

17 S 37-0811. PUBLIC ACCESS.

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

21 (A) IN WRITING; AND

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

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

26 S 37-0813. REPORTS.

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

30 S 37-0815. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

31 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ADOPT SUCH RULES AND REGU-  
32 LATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS  
33 TITLE.

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