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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting holiday decorations containing lead

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2     1371-a to read as follows:  
3     S 1371-A. WARNING LABEL ON HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTAINING LEAD. 1. ON  
4     EACH HOLIDAY DECORATION SOLD OR DELIVERED BY A MANUFACTURER OR DISTRIBUTOR  
5     WITHIN THIS STATE THAT:  
6     (A) HAS PAINT OR OTHER SIMILAR SURFACE-COATING MATERIAL THEREON; OR  
7     (B) IS MADE OF ANY PLASTIC MATERIAL, SUCH AS PVC OR POLYVINYL CHLORIDE  
8     WHICH CONTAINS MORE THAN .06 OF ONE PER CENTUM OF METALLIC LEAD BASED ON  
9     THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE CONTAINED SOLIDS OR DRIED PAINT FILM THERE SHALL  
10    BE PRINTED THEREON OR ATTACHED THERETO A WARNING LABEL.  
11    2. SUCH WARNING LABEL SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "WARNING:  
12    CONTAINS LEAD. MAY BE HARMFUL. MAY GENERATE DUST CONTAINING LEAD."  
13    3. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "HOLIDAY DECORATIONS"  
14    SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES,  
15    PLANTS, FLOWERS OR WREATHS, HOLIDAY LIGHTS, STOCKINGS, CANDLES, FIGURINES  
16    AND BELLS.  
17    4. ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION WHO VIOLATES THIS  
18    SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND  
19    DOLLARS FOR EACH SUCH VIOLATION.  
20    5. THE COMMISSIONER MAY WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN WHOLE  
21    OR IN PART UPON A FINDING BY THE COMMISSIONER IN A PARTICULAR INSTANCE  
22    THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH.  
23    S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
24    have become a law.

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

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