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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the regulation of chemicals in upholstered furniture, mattresses and electronic enclosures

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "family and fire fighter protection act".  
3 § 2. Article 37 of the environmental conservation law is amended by  
4 adding a new title 10 to read as follows:

### TITLE X

#### REGULATION OF CHEMICALS IN UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE, MATTRESSES

#### AND ELECTRONIC ENCLOSURES

#### Section 37-1001. Definitions.

#### 37-1003. Furniture and mattresses.

#### 37-1005. Exemptions.

#### 37-1007. Electronic display.

#### 37-1009. Reporting.

#### 37-1011. Severability.

#### 37-1013. Regulations.

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

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1 § 37-1001. Definitions.

2 As used in this title:

3 1. "Consumer product" means any product that is regularly used or  
4 purchased to be used for personal, family or household purposes. Consum-  
5 er product shall not mean: (a) a food or beverage or an additive to a  
6 food or beverage regulated by the United States Food and Drug Adminis-  
7 tration; or (b) a drug, biologic or medical device regulated by the  
8 United States Food and Drug Administration.

9 2. "Covered flame retardant chemical" means any chemical that meets  
10 both of the following criteria:

11 (a) A functional use for the chemical is to resist or inhibit the  
12 spread of fire or as a synergist to chemicals that resist or inhibit the  
13 spread of fire; and

14 (b) The chemical is one of the following: a halogenated, organophos-  
15 phorus, organonitrogen, or nanoscale chemical. As used in this title:

16 (i) "Halogenated chemical" is any chemical that contains one or more  
17 halogen elements, including fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine.

18 (ii) "Organophosphorus chemical" is any chemical that contains one or  
19 more carbon elements and one or more phosphorus elements.

20 (iii) "Organonitrogen chemical" is any chemical that contains one or  
21 more carbon elements and one or more nitrogen elements.

22 3. "Custom upholsterer" means a person who, either by himself or  
23 herself or through employees or agents, repairs, reupholsters, recovers,  
24 restores, or renews upholstered furniture, or who makes to order and  
25 specification of the user any article of upholstered residential furni-  
26 ture, using either new materials or owner's materials.

27 4. "Electronic display" means a consumer product with a display screen  
28 and associated electronics that, as its primary function, displays visu-  
29 al information from wired or wireless sources and is available for  
30 purchase by individuals or households for personal use in a residential  
31 space. Electronic display shall not include: (a) any electronic display  
32 with a screen area smaller than or equal to one hundred square centime-  
33 ters or fifteen and one-half square inches; (b) projectors; (c) virtual  
34 reality headsets; (d) all-in-one video conference systems; or (e)  
35 displays that are integrated with appliances and are not available for  
36 purchase as separate products by end-users.

37 5. "Gel foam mattress" means a mattress in which interior foam layers  
38 are composed of polyurethane foam or latex foam which has a polyure-  
39 thane-based gel material either mixed with the foam or applied to the  
40 outer surface of polyurethane or latex foam, or a mattress in which the  
41 core or padding layers are composed solely of gel material.

42 6. "Intentionally added" shall have the same meaning as "intentionally  
43 added chemical" in subdivision eleven of section 37-0901 of this arti-  
44 cle.

45 7. "Mattress" means a ticking filled with a resilient material used  
46 alone or in combination with other products intended or promoted for  
47 sleeping upon.

48 8. "Memory foam mattress" means a mattress which contains interior  
49 layers of foam composed of viscoelastic polyurethane foam or low-resis-  
50 tance polyurethane foam.

51 9. "Organohalogen flame retardant chemical" means a chemical that  
52 contains one or more halogen elements, including fluorine, chlorine,  
53 bromine, or iodine, bonded to carbon.

54 10. "Reupholstered furniture" means furniture whose original fabric,  
55 padding, decking, barrier material, foam, or other resilient filling has

1 been replaced by a custom upholsterer, that has not been sold since the  
2 time of the replacement.

3 11. "Ticking" means the outermost layer of fabric or related material  
4 that encloses the core and upholstery materials of a mattress or  
5 mattress pad. A mattress ticking may consist of several layers of fabric  
6 or related materials quilted together.

7 12. "Upholstered furniture" means any item of furniture, that  
8 consists, in whole or in part, of leather, plastic, fabric or other  
9 material that contains cotton, wool, polyurethane or other natural or  
10 synthetic material that is placed in cushions or on the frame of the  
11 furniture.

12 13. "Upholstered or reupholstered furniture component" means the sepa-  
13 rate constituent parts of upholstered furniture, specifically cover  
14 fabrics, barrier materials, resilient filling materials, and decking  
15 materials.

16 § 37-1003. Furniture and mattresses.

17 1. Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-four, no person shall  
18 sell or offer for sale in the state of New York any new, not previously  
19 owned, upholstered furniture or mattress, that contains, or a constitu-  
20 ent component of which contains, any intentionally added covered flame  
21 retardant chemical, individually or in combination.

22 2. Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-three, a custom uphol-  
23 sterer in the state of New York shall not repair, reupholster, re-cover,  
24 restore, or renew upholstered furniture or reupholstered furniture using  
25 replacement components that contain any intentionally added covered  
26 flame retardant chemical, individually or in combination.

27 § 37-1005. Exemptions.

28 The prohibitions in section 37-1003 of this title shall not apply to  
29 the following:

30 1. Electronic components of mattresses, reupholstered furniture, or  
31 upholstered furniture, or any associated casing for such electronic  
32 components.

33 2. Upholstered or reupholstered furniture components other than those  
34 identified in subdivision seven of section 37-1001 of this title.

35 3. Thread or fiber when used for stitching mattress components togeth-  
36 er.

37 4. The natural fibers wool, silk, and other animal fibers whether used  
38 singly or in combination with other materials.

39 5. Textiles made using modacrylic fiber components without antimony  
40 trioxide when used internally as a barrier material in a memory foam or  
41 gel foam mattress or aramid fibers when used in the fabric that covers  
42 the bottom (non-sleep surface) of a mattress that has a sleeping surface  
43 on only one side of the mattress. This exemption shall expire on January  
44 first, two thousand twenty-six.

45 § 37-1007. Electronic display.

46 Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-four, no person shall  
47 sell or offer for sale in the state of New York any electronic display  
48 that contains an intentionally added organohalogen flame retardant chem-  
49 ical in the enclosure or stand of such electronic display.

50 § 37-1009. Reporting.

51 1. For the purposes of this section, "manufacturer" shall mean a  
52 person who: (a) assembles or substantially assembles electronic displays  
53 for sale in the state; (b) manufactures electronic displays, under its  
54 own brand name or under any other brand name, for sale in the state; (c)  
55 sells, under its own brand name, electronic displays in the state; (d)  
56 owns a brand name that it licenses to another person for use on elec-

1 tronic displays sold in the state; (e) imports electronic displays for  
2 sale in the state; or (f) manufactures electronic displays for sale in  
3 the state without affixing a brand name.

4 2. Beginning one year after the effective date of this title, no elec-  
5 tronic display shall be sold in the state unless the manufacturer has  
6 submitted an annual report to the department identifying all of the  
7 flame retardants used in the enclosure or stand of the electronic  
8 display in a form determined by the department.

9 § 37-1011. Severability.

10 If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of  
11 this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be  
12 invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the  
13 remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,  
14 sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly  
15 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been  
16 rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that  
17 this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not  
18 been included herein.

19 § 37-1013. Regulations.

20 The department may adopt any rules and regulations it deems necessary  
21 to implement the provisions of this title.

22 § 3. Section 71-3703 of the environmental conservation law is amended  
23 by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

24 5. Any person who violates any of the provisions of or who fails to  
25 perform any duty imposed by sections 37-1003 and 37-1007 of this chapter  
26 or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant hereto, shall be liable  
27 for a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each day  
28 during which such violation continues, and in addition thereto, such  
29 person may be enjoined from continuing such violation. Such person shall  
30 for a second violation be liable to the people of the state for a civil  
31 penalty not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each day  
32 during which such violation continues.

33 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.