

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GALEF -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the manufacture of seasonal and decorative lighting products containing lead; and to repeal section 1376-b of the public health law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 1376-b of the public health law, as amended by a
2 chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public health law relating to
3 the manufacture and sale of seasonal and decorative lighting products
4 containing lead, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5675-A and
5 A. 4522-A, is REPEALED.

6 § 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 25-C
7 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 25-C

PRODUCTS CONTAINING LEAD

10 Section 389-s. Manufacture and sale of seasonal and decorative lighting
11 products containing lead.

12 § 389-s. Manufacture and sale of seasonal and decorative lighting
13 products containing lead. 1. When used in this title, "seasonal and
14 decorative lighting product" shall mean portable, plug-connected, tempo-
15 rary-use lighting products and accessories that have a nominal 120-volt
16 input voltage rating.

17 (a) Lighting products within the scope of this rule are factory-assem-
18 bled with push-in, midget or miniature screw base lamp holders connected
19 in series or parallel, directly across the 120-volt input.

20 (b) Such lighting products include, but are not limited to lighted
21 decorative outfits such as wired holiday string lights, pre-lit artifi-
22 cial Christmas trees, plants, flowers or wreaths, stockings, stars,
23 candles and light sculptures.

24 2. On each seasonal and decorative lighting product manufactured, sold
25 or delivered by a manufacturer or distributed within this state after
26 the effective date of this section that contains an electrical cord
27 casing in which lead is present in a quantity greater than one hundred

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

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1 parts per million, there shall be printed thereon or attached thereto a
2 warning label.

3 3. Such warning label shall contain the following statement: "WARNING:
4 HANDLING THE COATED ELECTRICAL WIRE OF THIS PRODUCT MAY EXPOSE YOU TO
5 LEAD. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER USE."

6 4. Any manufacturer who violates this section shall be subject to a
7 civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars for each such
8 violation.

9 § 3. Section 399-g of the general business law is renumbered section
10 389-t.

11 § 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
12 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public health law
13 relating to the manufacture and sale of seasonal and decorative lighting
14 products containing lead, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
15 5675-A and A. 4522-A, takes effect.