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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to child proofing liquid detergent packets

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section  
2 399-ggg to read as follows:

3 § 399-ggg. Packaging of liquid detergent packets. 1. For purposes of  
4 this section:

5 (a) "liquid detergent packets" shall mean a consumer product that  
6 consists of a liquid or gel detergent enclosed in a water soluble outer  
7 layer and is designed to be placed in a washing machine;

8 (b) "child-resistant wrapper" shall mean an opaque covering of the  
9 liquid detergent packet that is not easily permeated by a child's bite,  
10 which has a uniform color that is not attractive to children; and

11 (c) "package" shall mean overall child-resistant stock keeping item  
12 that contains liquid detergent packages.

13 2. No person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall  
14 distribute, sell at retail or offer for retail sale in this state any  
15 liquid detergent packets, unless the liquid detergent packets are  
16 contained in a child-resistant wrapper which is designed to prevent  
17 accidental exposure of children to liquid detergent.

18 3. No person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall  
19 distribute, sell at retail or offer for retail sale in this state any  
20 liquid detergent packets unless such liquid detergent packets are  
21 designed in an opaque, uniform color that is not attractive to children  
22 and is not easily permeated by a child's bite.

23 4. Each liquid detergent packet shall be enclosed in a separate, indi-  
24 vidual, non-permeable, child-resistant wrapper containing a warning

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

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1 stating "WARNING: HARMFUL IF PUT IN MOUTH OR SWALLOWED. EYE IRRITANT.  
2 KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN".

3 5. Every package of liquid detergent packets distributed, sold at  
4 retail, or offered for retail sale in this state shall contain a warning  
5 concerning the dangers of the exposure of liquid detergent packets to  
6 children. Such warning shall be readable and conspicuously placed on the  
7 package and shall state: "LIQUID DETERGENT PACKETS ARE NOT FOR HUMAN  
8 CONSUMPTION. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED OR EXPOSED TO THE EYES OR SKIN. KEEP  
9 OUT OF REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN. IN CASE OF EXPOSURE CONTACT A PHYSI-  
10 CIAN OR POISON CONTROL CENTER IMMEDIATELY".

11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
12 it shall have become a law.