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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, LEVENBERG, COLTON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to regulation of toxic chemicals in pet 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 12 to read as follows:

3 TITLE XII

4 TOXIC CHEMICALS IN PET PRODUCTS

5 Section 37-1201. Definitions.

6 37-1203. Priority chemicals and chemicals of high concern.

7 37-1205. Disclosure of information on priority chemicals.

8 37-1207. Sales prohibition.

9 37-1209. Applicability.

10 37-1211. Enforcement and implementation.

11 37-1213. Interstate chemical clearinghouse.

12 37-1215. Regulations.

13 § 37-1201. Definitions.

14 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
15 following terms have the following meanings.

16 1. "Chemical" means a substance with a distinct molecular composition  
17 or a group of structurally related substances and includes the breakdown  
18 products of the substance or substances that form through decomposition,  
19 degradation or metabolism.

20 2. "Chemicals of high concern" means:

21 (a) 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (CAS 79-34-5)

22 (a-1) 1,2-Dibromoethane (CAS 106-93-4)

23 (a-2) 1,1,3,3-Tetramethyl-4-butylphenol; 4-tert-octylphenol (CAS 140-  
24 66-9)

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

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- 1 (a-3) (1,1,3,3 - Tetramethylbutyl) Phenol; Octylphenol (CAS
- 2 27193-28-8)
- 3 (a-4) 1,3-Butadiene (CAS 106-99-0)
- 4 (b) 1,4-Dioxane (CAS 123-91-1)
- 5 (c) 2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-Decabromodiphenyl ether; BDE-209 (CAS
- 6 1163-19-5)
- 7 (d) 2,4-Diaminotoluene (CAS 95-80-7)
- 8 (d-1) 2,4-Dihydroxybenzophenone; resbenzophenone (CAS 131-56-6)
- 9 (e) 2-Aminotoluene (CAS 95-53-4)
- 10 (f) 2-Ethylhexanoic acid (CAS 149-57-5)
- 11 (g) 2-Ethyl-hexyl-4-methoxycinnamate (CAS 5466-77-3)
- 12 (g-1) 2-Napthylamine (CAS 91-59-8)
- 13 (h) 2-Methoxyethanol (CAS 109-86-4)
- 14 (i) 3,3'-Dimethylbenzidine and dyes metabolized to
- 15 3,3'-Dimethylbenzidine (CAS 119-93-7)
- 16 (i-1) 4-Hydroxybiphenol (CAS 92-69-3)
- 17 (j) 4-Nonylphenol; 4-NP and its isomer mixtures including CAS
- 18 84852-15-3 and CAS 25154-52-3 (CAS 104-40-5)
- 19 (j-1) 4,4-methylenebis(2-chloroaniline) (CAS 101-14-4)
- 20 (k) 4-Tert-octylphenol; 1,1,3,3-Tetramethyl-4-butylphenol (CAS
- 21 140-66-9)
- 22 (l) Acetaldehyde (CAS 75-07-0)
- 23 (m) Acrylonitrile (CAS 107-13-1)
- 24 (n) Aniline(CAS 62-53-3)
- 25 (o) Antimony & antimony compounds (CAS 7440-36-0)
- 26 (p) Arsenic & arsenic compounds (CAS 7440-38-2) including arsenic
- 27 trioxide & dimethyl arsenic (CAS 75-60-5)
- 28 (q) Asbestos (CAS 1332-21-4)
- 29 (r) Benzene (CAS 71-43-2)
- 30 (s) Benzene, pentachloro (CAS 608-93-5)
- 31 (s-1) Benzidine and its salts (CAS 92-87-5)
- 32 (t) Benzophenone-2 (BP-2); 2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxybenzophenone (CAS
- 33 131-55-5)
- 34 (u) Bisphenol A (CAS 80-05-7)
- 35 (v) Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP) (CAS 85-68-7)
- 36 (w) Butyl paraben (CAS 94-28-6)
- 37 (x) Butylated Hydroxyanisole; (BHA) (CAS 25013-16-5)
- 38 (y) C.I. solvent yellow 14 (CAS 842-07-9)
- 39 (z) Cadmium & cadmium compounds (CAS 7440-43-9)
- 40 (aa) Carbon disulfide (CAS 75-15-0)
- 41 (bb) Cobalt & cobalt compounds (CAS 7440-48-4)
- 42 (cc) Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (CAS 117-81-7)
- 43 (dd) Dibutyl phthalate (CAS 84-74-2)
- 44 (dd-1) Dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP) (CAS 84-61-7)
- 45 (ee) Diethyl phthalate (CAS 84-66-2)
- 46 (ff) Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP) (CAS 26761-40-0)
- 47 (gg) Diisononyl phthalate (DINP) (CAS 28553-12-0)
- 48 (hh) Di-n-hexyl phthalate (CAS 84-75-3)
- 49 (ii) Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP) (CAS 117-84-0)
- 50 (ii-1) Epichlorohydrin (CAS 106-98-9)
- 51 (jj) Estragole (CAS 140-67-0)
- 52 (kk) Ethyl paraben (CAS 120-47-8)
- 53 (ll) Ethylbenzene (CAS 100-41-4)
- 54 (mm) Ethylene glycol (CAS 107-21-1)
- 55 (nn) Ethylene glycol monoethyl ester (CAS 110-80-5)
- 56 (oo) Formaldehyde (CAS 50-0-0)

- 1 (pp) Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) (CAS 25637-99-4)  
2 (qq) Hexachlorobenzene (CAS 118-74-1)  
3 (rr) Hexachlorobutadiene (CAS 87-68-3)  
4 (ss) Lead & lead compounds (CAS 7439-92-1)  
5 (tt) Mercury & mercury compounds (CAS 7439-97-6) including methyl  
6 mercury (CAS 22967-92-6)  
7 (uu) Methyl ethyl ketone (CAS 78-93-3)  
8 (vv) Methyl paraben (CAS 99-76-3)  
9 (ww) Methylene chloride (CAS 75-09-2)  
10 (ww-1) Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) (CAS 1634-04-4)  
11 (xx) Molybdenum & molybdenum compounds (CAS 7439-98-7)  
12 (xx-1) Mono-n-butylphthalate (CAS 131-70-4)  
13 (yy) N-methylpyrrolidone (CAS 872-50-4)  
14 (yy-1) Nickel and nickel compounds (CAS N/A)  
15 (zz) N-nitrosodimethylamine (CAS 62-75-9)  
16 (aaa) N-nitrosodiphenylamine (CAS 86-30-6)  
17 (bbb) Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (CAS 556-67-2)  
18 (ccc) Para-chloroaniline (CAS 106-47-3)  
19 (ddd) Perchloroethylene (CAS 127-18-4)  
20 (eee) Perfluorooctanyl sulphonic acid and its salts (PFOS) (CAS 1763-  
21 23-1)  
22 (fff) Phenol (CAS 108-95-2)  
23 (ggg) Phenol, 4-octyl- (CAS 1806-26-4)  
24 (hhh) Phthalic anhydride (CAS 85-44-9)  
25 (iii) P-hydroxybenzoic acid (CAS 99-96-7)  
26 (jjj) Propyl paraben (CAS 94-13-3)  
27 (jjj-1) Silica, crystalline (in the form of quartz or cristabolite  
28 dust) (CAS 14808-60-7)  
29 (kkk) Styrene (CAS 100-42-5)  
30 (lll) Tetrabromobisphenol A (CAS 79-94-7)  
31 (mmm) Toluene (CAS 108-88-3)  
32 (nnn) Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate (CAS 13674-87-3)  
33 (ooo) Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate (CAS 115-96-8)  
34 (ppp) Vinyl chloride (CAS 75-01-4)  
35 3. "Distributor" means a person who sells pet products to retail  
36 establishments on a wholesale basis.  
37 4. "Intentionally added" means the deliberate use in the formulation  
38 of a product or subpart where its continued presence is desired in the  
39 final product or subpart to provide a specific characteristic, appear-  
40 ance or quality.  
41 5. "Manufacturer" means any person who currently manufactures pet  
42 products or whose brand name is affixed to a pet product. In the case of  
43 pet products that were imported into the United States, "manufacturer"  
44 includes the importer or first domestic distributor of the pet products  
45 if the person who currently manufactures or assembles the pet products  
46 or whose brand name is affixed to the pet products does not have a pres-  
47 ence in the United States.  
48 6. "Pet" means any domesticated animal normally maintained in or near  
49 the household of the owner or person who cares for such domesticated  
50 animal. "Pet" shall not include a "farm animal" as defined by subdivi-  
51 sion four of section three hundred fifty of the agriculture and markets  
52 law.  
53 7. "Pet apparel" means any item of clothing that consists of fabric or  
54 related material intended or promoted for use in pet clothing.  
55 8. "Pet product" means a product primarily intended for, made for or  
56 marketed for use by a pet, such as toys, car seats, bedding, personal

1 care products, a product designed or intended by the manufacturer to be  
2 chewed by the pet, and pet apparel. "Pet product" does not include a  
3 food or beverage or an additive to a food or beverage regulated by the  
4 United States Food and Drug Administration.

5 9. "Priority chemical" means (a) the following chemicals:

6 CASRN13674-87-8 Tris (1, 3 dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate

7 CASRN71-43-2 Benzene

8 CASRN7439-92-1 Lead and compounds (inorganic)

9 CASRN7439-97-6 Mercury and mercury compounds, including methyl  
10 mercury (CASRN 22967-92-6)

11 CASRN50-00-0 Formaldehyde

12 CASRN7440-36-0 Antimony and antimony compounds

13 CASRN7440-38-2 Arsenic and arsenic compounds including arsenic  
14 trioxide (CASRN 1327-53-3)

15 and dimethyl arsenic (CASRN 75-60-5)

16 CASRN7440-43-9 Cadmium

17 CASRN7440-48-4 Cobalt and cobalt compounds and

18 (b) a chemical adopted by the department pursuant to section 37-1003  
19 of this title.

20 10. "Toy" means a product designed or intended by the manufacturer to  
21 be used by a pet at play.

22 § 37-1203. Priority chemicals and chemicals of high concern.

23 1. Publishing of list. Within one hundred eighty days of the effective  
24 date of this title, the department shall post lists of priority chemi-  
25 cals and chemicals of high concern on the department's website.

26 2. Periodic review. (a) The department, in consultation with the  
27 department of health, may periodically review the list of priority chemi-  
28 icals and, through regulation, identify additional priority chemicals or  
29 chemicals of high concern or remove a chemical from such lists based on  
30 evidence that the chemical is not present in a pet product or otherwise  
31 should not be subject to the requirements of this title. Nothing herein  
32 shall prevent the department from acting to add such chemicals outside  
33 of the periodic review process.

34 (b) If a chemical is removed from the listing of chemicals of high  
35 concern, it shall also be undesignated as a priority chemical.

36 (c) The department, in consultation with the department of health  
37 shall identify a chemical as a chemical of high concern if, upon review,  
38 it determines that the chemical has been identified by a state, federal  
39 or international governmental entity on the basis of credible scientific  
40 evidence as:

41 (i) A carcinogen, a reproductive or developmental toxicant or an  
42 endocrine disruptor;

43 (ii) Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic; or

44 (iii) Very persistent and very bioaccumulative.

45 (d) In making such determination, the department may consider but is  
46 not limited to considering:

47 (i) chemicals identified as "Group 1 carcinogens" or "Group 2A carci-  
48 nogens" by the World Health Organization, International Agency for  
49 Research on Cancer;

50 (ii) chemicals identified as "Group A carcinogens" or "Group B carci-  
51 nogens" by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

52 (iii) persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic chemicals identified by  
53 other states or the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

54 (iv) a very persistent, very bioaccumulative chemical listed in Annex  
55 XIV, List of Substances Subject to Authorisation, Regulation (EC) No

1 1907/2006 of the European Parliament concerning the Registration, Evalu-  
2 ation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals.

3 § 37-1205. Disclosure of information on priority chemicals.

4 1. Reporting of chemical use. No later than twelve months after a  
5 priority chemical is listed on the list published pursuant to section  
6 37-1203 of this title, every manufacturer who offers a pet product for  
7 sale or distribution in this state that contains an intentionally added  
8 priority chemical shall report such chemical use to the department. The  
9 department may collaborate with other states and an interstate chemicals  
10 clearinghouse in developing such form.

11 (a) This report must at a minimum identify the pet product, the prior-  
12 ity chemical or chemicals contained in the pet product, and the intended  
13 purpose of the chemicals in the pet product. The department may also  
14 require reporting of the following information:

15 (i) the potential for harm to animal health and the environment from  
16 specific uses of the priority chemical;

17 (ii) the amount of such chemical in each unit of the pet product,  
18 expressed in a range;

19 (iii) information on the likelihood that the chemical will be released  
20 from the pet product to the environment during the product's life cycle  
21 and the extent to which users of the product are likely to be exposed to  
22 the chemical; or

23 (iv) information on the extent to which the chemical is present in the  
24 environment or animal body.

25 (b) The department is authorized to direct submission of a copy of  
26 such report to the interstate chemicals clearinghouse.

27 2. Waiver of reporting. Upon application by a manufacturer, the  
28 commissioner may waive all or part of the reporting requirements under  
29 subdivision one of this section for one or more specified uses of a  
30 priority chemical. In making such determination, the commissioner may  
31 consider: (a) if substantially equivalent information is already public-  
32 ly available or that the information is not needed for the purposes of  
33 this chapter, (b) similar waivers granted by other states, and (c)  
34 whether the specified use or uses are minor in volume.

35 3. Notice to retailers. A manufacturer of a pet product containing a  
36 priority chemical shall notify persons that offer the pet products for  
37 sale or distribution in the state, in a form prescribed by the depart-  
38 ment, of the presence of such priority chemical, and provide such  
39 persons with information regarding the toxicity of such chemical.

40 4. Fees. The manufacturer shall pay a fee upon submission of a report  
41 of chemical use pursuant to subdivision one of this section or a waiver  
42 request pursuant to subdivision two of this section to cover the depart-  
43 ment's reasonable costs in the amount of six hundred dollars per chemi-  
44 cal.

45 § 37-1207. Sales prohibition.

46 Effective January first, two thousand twenty-eight, no person shall  
47 distribute, sell or offer for sale in this state pet products containing  
48 a priority chemical that has been listed for at least one year.

49 § 37-1209. Applicability.

50 1. New pet products. The provisions of this title shall apply to chemi-  
51 icals in pet products sold or distributed as new and does not apply to  
52 used pet products that are sold or distributed for free at secondhand  
53 stores, yard sales, on the internet or donated to charities.

54 2. Industry. The requirements of this title shall not apply to priori-  
55 ty chemicals used in or for industry or manufacturing, including chemi-

1 cals processed or otherwise used in or for industrial or manufacturing  
2 processes and not included in the final product.

3 3. Transportation. The requirements of this title shall not apply to  
4 motor vehicles or their component parts, watercraft or their component  
5 parts, all terrain vehicles or their component parts, or off-highway  
6 motorcycles or their component parts, except that the use of priority  
7 chemicals in detachable car seats for pets is not exempt.

8 4. Combustion. The requirements of this title shall not apply to  
9 priority chemicals generated solely as combustion by-products or that  
10 are present in combustible fuels.

11 5. Retailers. A retailer is exempt from the requirements of this title  
12 unless that retailer knowingly sells a pet product containing a priority  
13 chemical after the effective date of its prohibition for which that  
14 retailer has received notification pursuant to subdivision three of  
15 section 37-1205 of this title.

16 § 37-1211. Enforcement and implementation.

17 1. Failure to provide notice. A pet product containing a priority  
18 chemical may not be sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in  
19 this state unless the manufacturer has provided the notification  
20 required under section 37-1205 of this title by the date required in  
21 such section. The commissioner may exempt a pet product from this prohi-  
22 bition if, in the commissioner's judgment, the lack of availability of  
23 the pet product could pose an unreasonable risk to public health, safety  
24 or welfare.

25 2. Statement of compliance. If there are grounds to suspect that a pet  
26 product is being offered for sale in violation of this title, the  
27 department may request the manufacturer of the pet product to provide a  
28 statement of compliance on a form provided by the department, within ten  
29 days of receipt of a request from the department. The statement of  
30 compliance shall:

31 (a) attest that the pet product does not contain the priority chemi-  
32 cal; or

33 (b) attest and provide the department with documentation that notifi-  
34 cation of the presence of the priority chemical has been provided to the  
35 department or provide notice as required by section 37-1205 of this  
36 title; or

37 (c) attest that the manufacturer has notified persons who sell the  
38 product in this state that the sale of the pet product is prohibited.

39 § 37-1213. Interstate chemical clearinghouse.

40 1. The department is authorized to participate in an interstate chemi-  
41 cals clearinghouse to assist in carrying out the requirements of this  
42 title. The department shall work in collaboration with other states and  
43 an interstate chemicals clearinghouse for the purpose of, including but  
44 not limited to:

45 (a) collection and dissemination of information regarding chemical  
46 hazards;

47 (b) collection and dissemination of information regarding the use of  
48 chemicals in pet products;

49 (c) assessment of alternatives to chemicals and their use in products;  
50 and

51 (d) public education.

52 2. Such clearinghouse is authorized to maintain information on behalf  
53 of the state of New York, including, but not limited to, information  
54 regarding chemicals contained in pet products disclosed pursuant to  
55 section 37-1205 of this title.

56 § 37-1215. Regulations.

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

3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
4 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
5 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
6 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
7 completed on or before such effective date.