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

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring manufacturers of synthetic braiding hair, weaves, and extensions to disclose all ingredients used in the manufacturing of such products

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
2 391-x to read as follows:

3 § 391-x. Braiding hair, weaves, and extensions. 1. For the purposes of
4 this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

5 a. "Synthetic braiding hair, weaves, and extensions" shall mean hair
6 extensions, wigs, and other hairpieces which contain synthetic hair
7 extensions, synthetic fibers, synthetic blended fibers, or decorative
8 hair adornments or have been manufactured or treated with any chemicals;

9 b. "Manufacturer" shall mean a person, firm, association, partnership
10 or corporation who manufactures any synthetic braiding hair, weaves, or
11 extensions or whose brand name is affixed to the product. In the case of
12 a product that was imported into the United States, "manufacturer"
13 includes the importer or first domestic distributor of the product if
14 the entity who currently manufactures or assembles the product or whose
15 brand name is affixed to the product does not have a presence in the
16 United States;

17 c. "Chemical" shall mean a substance with a distinct molecular compo-
18 sition or a group of structurally related substances and includes the
19 breakdown products of the substance or substances that form through
20 decomposition, degradation or metabolism;

21 d. "Carcinogen" shall mean any chemical identified as:
22 (i) a "Group 1 carcinogen" or "Group 2A carcinogen" by the World
23 Health Organization or International Agency for Research on Cancer;

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

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1 (ii) "known to be a human carcinogen" and "reasonably anticipated to
2 be a human carcinogen" by the Secretary of the United States Department
3 of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Public Health Service Act,
4 42 United States Code, Section 241(b)(4), as amended; and

5 (iii) "Group A carcinogens" or "Group B carcinogens" by the United
6 States Environmental Protection Agency; and

7 e. "Reproductive toxicant" is any chemical identified as a reproduc-
8 tive or a developmental toxicant by the United States Department of
9 Health and Human Services, national toxicology program, center for the
10 evaluation of risks to human reproduction.

11 2. a. The manufacturer of any synthetic braiding hair, weaves, or
12 extensions being offered for sale in the state shall, on a schedule and
13 in electronic and other formats as required by the department of health,
14 provide the department of health with a complete and accurate list of
15 synthetic braiding hair, weaves, and extensions being offered for sale
16 in the state by such manufacturer which contain any carcinogen or repro-
17 ductive toxicant, including but not limited to any chemical identified
18 by the phrase "and other ingredients" and determined to be a trade
19 secret pursuant to the procedure established in Part 20 and Section
20 720.8 of Part 720 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Any
21 chemical determined to be a trade secret shall be treated by the depart-
22 ment of health in a manner consistent with the requirements of Part 20
23 and Part 720 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations and shall
24 not be disclosed under article six of the public officers law.

25 b. Such manufacturer shall also provide the department of health with
26 a list of chemicals used in the manufacture or treatment of any such
27 synthetic braiding hair, weaves, or extensions by both name and chemical
28 abstract service number and shall specify in which product or products
29 such chemical is contained.

30 c. If an ingredient identified pursuant to this subdivision subse-
31 quently is removed from the product in which it was contained or is no
32 longer a carcinogen or reproductive toxicant, the manufacturer of the
33 product containing the ingredient may submit such new information to the
34 department of health. Upon receipt of such new information, the depart-
35 ment of health, after verifying the accuracy of that information, shall
36 revise the manufacturer's information on record with the department of
37 health to reflect the new information.

38 3. a. Any synthetic braiding hair, weaves, or extensions being offered
39 for sale in the state that contains a carcinogen or reproductive toxi-
40 cant shall provide a clear and conspicuous warning label displayed on
41 the packaging or product itself, which shall be printed in type no less
42 than size twelve-point font, that notifies the consumer at the time of
43 the sale that such synthetic braiding hair, weaves or extensions
44 contains such chemicals. The warning label shall state:

45 (i) if a product contains a carcinogen: "This product contains a chem-
46 ical known to cause cancer";

47 (ii) if a product contains a reproductive toxicant: "This product
48 contains a chemical known to cause birth defects or other reproductive
49 harm"; or

50 (iii) if a product contains both a carcinogen and a reproductive toxi-
51 cant: "This product contains chemicals known to cause cancer and birth
52 defects or other reproductive harm".

53 b. Manufacturers shall be responsible for ensuring that all synthetic
54 braiding hair, weaves, or extensions display the warning label as
55 required by this subdivision.

1 4. Whenever there shall be a violation of this section, an application
2 may be made by the attorney general in the name of the people of the
3 state of New York to a court or justice having jurisdiction by a special
4 proceeding to issue an injunction, and upon notice to the defendant of
5 not less than five days, to enjoin and restrain the continuance of such
6 violation; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or
7 justice that the defendant has, in fact, violated this section, an
8 injunction may be issued by such court or justice, enjoining and
9 restraining any further violation, without requiring proof that any
10 person has, in fact, been injured or damaged thereby. Whenever the court
11 shall determine that a violation of this section has occurred, the court
12 may impose a civil penalty up to two hundred fifty dollars per unit for
13 the first offense and up to five hundred dollars per unit for each
14 subsequent offense. In connection with any such proposed application,
15 the attorney general is authorized to take proof and make a determi-
16 nation of the relevant facts and to issue subpoenas in accordance with
17 the civil practice law and rules.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect eighteen months after it shall have
19 become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
20 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
21 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
22 on or before such effective date.