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1 AN ACT Relating to flame retardants; amending RCW 70.240.020,
2 70.240.010, and 70.240.050; and adding new sections to chapter 70.240
3 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.240.020 and 2008 c 288 s 3 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning July 1, 2009, no manufacturer, wholesaler, or
8 retailer may manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute
9 for sale, or distribute for use in this state a children's product or
10 product component containing the following:

11 (a) Except as provided in subsection (~~((2))~~) (3) of this section,
12 lead at more than .009 percent by weight (ninety parts per million);

13 (b) Cadmium at more than .004 percent by weight (forty parts per
14 million); or

15 (c) Phthalates, individually or in combination, at more than 0.10
16 percent by weight (one thousand parts per million).

17 (2) Beginning July 1, 2016, no manufacturer, wholesaler, or
18 retailer may manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute
19 for sale, or distribute for use in this state children's products or
20 residential upholstered furniture, as defined in RCW 70.76.010,

1 containing TDCPP or TCEP in amounts greater than one hundred parts
2 per million in any product component.

3 (3) If determined feasible for manufacturers to achieve and
4 necessary to protect children's health, the department, in
5 consultation with the department of health, may by rule require that
6 no manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer may manufacture, knowingly
7 sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in
8 this state a children's product or product component containing lead
9 at more than .004 percent by weight (forty parts per million).

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 70.240
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) Beginning July 1, 2016, no manufacturer, wholesaler, or
13 retailer may manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute
14 for sale, or distribute for use in this state residential upholstered
15 furniture, as defined in RCW 70.76.010, or children's products
16 containing a flame retardant in any product component in amounts
17 greater than one hundred parts per million identified by the
18 department as a high priority chemical of high concern for children
19 as required under RCW 70.240.030.

20 (2) Except for TDCPP and TCEP, the department shall grant an
21 exemption to restrictions under subsection (1) of this section for a
22 length of time requested by the manufacturer, but not to exceed two
23 years, if the manufacturer of residential upholstered furniture or
24 children's products demonstrates, and the department determines, that
25 there is no technically feasible safer alternative to meet applicable
26 Washington state or federal fire safety standards.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 70.240
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 (1) Beginning July 1, 2016, at the request of the department, a
30 manufacturer of residential upholstered furniture or children's
31 products shall, within sixty days of the request, submit a
32 certificate of compliance stating that the product or product
33 component meets the requirements of section 2 of this act. A
34 manufacturer required under any other state statute to provide a
35 certificate of compliance may develop one certificate containing all
36 required information.

37 (2) The certificate of compliance must include the following:

1 (a) Chemical names and chemical abstracts service registry
2 numbers for all chemicals present in the product or product component
3 that act as flame retardants;

4 (b) The specific basis upon which an exemption, if applicable, is
5 claimed; and

6 (c) The signature of an authorized official of the manufacturing
7 company.

8 (3) A manufacturer completing a certificate of compliance shall
9 keep a copy of the certificate on file for as long as the product or
10 product component contains flame retardants. If a manufacturer ceases
11 to sell or distribute products or product components containing flame
12 retardants, the manufacturer must retain the certificate on file for
13 three years from the date of the last sale or distribution.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 70.240.010 and 2008 c 288 s 2 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
17 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

18 (1) "Children's cosmetics" means cosmetics that are made for,
19 marketed for use by, or marketed to children under the age of twelve.
20 "Children's cosmetics" includes cosmetics that meet any of the
21 following conditions:

22 (a) Represented in its packaging, display, or advertising as
23 appropriate for use by children;

24 (b) Sold in conjunction with, attached to, or packaged together
25 with other products that are packaged, displayed, or advertised as
26 appropriate for use by children; or

27 (c) Sold in any of the following:

28 (i) Retail store, catalogue, or online web site, in which a
29 person exclusively offers for sale products that are packaged,
30 displayed, or advertised as appropriate for use by children; or

31 (ii) A discrete portion of a retail store, catalogue, or online
32 web site, in which a person offers for sale products that are
33 packaged, displayed, or advertised as appropriate for use by
34 children.

35 (2) "Children's jewelry" means jewelry that is made for, marketed
36 for use by, or marketed to children under the age of twelve.
37 "Children's jewelry" includes jewelry that meets any of the following
38 conditions:

1 (a) Represented in its packaging, display, or advertising as
2 appropriate for use by children under the age of twelve;

3 (b) Sold in conjunction with, attached to, or packaged together
4 with other products that are packaged, displayed, or advertised as
5 appropriate for use by children;

6 (c) Sized for children and not intended for use by adults; or
7 (d) Sold in any of the following:

8 (i) A vending machine;

9 (ii) Retail store, catalogue, or online web site, in which a
10 person exclusively offers for sale products that are packaged,
11 displayed, or advertised as appropriate for use by children; or
12 (iii) A discrete portion of a retail store, catalogue, or online
13 web site, in which a person offers for sale products that are
14 packaged, displayed, or advertised as appropriate for use by
15 children.

16 (3)(a) "Children's product" includes any of the following:

17 (i) Toys;

18 (ii) Children's cosmetics;

19 (iii) Children's jewelry;

20 (iv) A product designed or intended by the manufacturer to help a
21 child with sucking or teething, to facilitate sleep, relaxation, or
22 the feeding of a child, or to be worn as clothing by children; or
23 (v) (~~Child car seats~~) A portable infant or child safety seat
24 designed to attach to an automobile seat.

25 (b) "Children's product" does not include the following:

26 (i) Batteries;

27 (ii) Slings and catapults;

28 (iii) Sets of darts with metallic points;

29 (iv) Toy steam engines;

30 (v) Bicycles and tricycles;

31 (vi) Video toys that can be connected to a video screen and are
32 operated at a nominal voltage exceeding twenty-four volts;

33 (vii) Chemistry sets;

34 (viii) Consumer electronic products, including but not limited to
35 personal computers, audio and video equipment, calculators, wireless
36 phones, game consoles, and handheld devices incorporating a video
37 screen, used to access interactive software and their associated
38 peripherals;

1 (ix) Interactive software, intended for leisure and
2 entertainment, such as computer games, and their storage media, such
3 as compact disks;

4 (x) BB guns, pellet guns, and air rifles;

5 (xi) Snow sporting equipment, including skis, poles, boots, snow
6 boards, sleds, and bindings;

7 (xii) Sporting equipment, including, but not limited to bats,
8 balls, gloves, sticks, pucks, and pads;

9 (xiii) Roller skates;

10 (xiv) Scooters;

11 (xv) Model rockets;

12 (xvi) Athletic shoes with cleats or spikes; and

13 (xvii) Pocket knives and multitools.

14 (4) "Cosmetics" includes articles intended to be rubbed, poured,
15 sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to
16 the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying,
17 promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance, and articles
18 intended for use as a component of such an article. "Cosmetics" does
19 not include soap, dietary supplements, or food and drugs approved by
20 the United States food and drug administration.

21 (5) "Department" means the department of ecology.

22 (6) "High priority chemical" means a chemical identified by a
23 state agency, federal agency, or accredited research university, or
24 other scientific evidence deemed authoritative by the department on
25 the basis of credible scientific evidence as known to do one or more
26 of the following:

27 (a) Harm the normal development of a fetus or child or cause
28 other developmental toxicity;

29 (b) Cause cancer, genetic damage, or reproductive harm;

30 (c) Disrupt the endocrine system;

31 (d) Damage the nervous system, immune system, or organs or cause
32 other systemic toxicity;

33 (e) Be persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic; or

34 (f) Be very persistent and very bioaccumulative.

35 (7) "Manufacturer" includes any person, firm, association,
36 partnership, corporation, governmental entity, organization, or joint
37 venture that produces a children's product or an importer or domestic
38 distributor of a children's product. For the purposes of this
39 subsection, "importer" means the owner of the children's product.

1 (8) "Phthalates" means di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP),
2 dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), diisonoyl
3 phthalate (DINP), diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP), or di-n-octyl
4 phthalate (DnOP).

5 (9) "Toy" means a product designed or intended by the
6 manufacturer to be used by a child at play.

7 (10) "Trade association" means a membership organization of
8 persons engaging in a similar or related line of commerce, organized
9 to promote and improve business conditions in that line of commerce
10 and not to engage in a regular business of a kind ordinarily carried
11 on for profit.

12 (11) "Very bioaccumulative" means having a bioconcentration
13 factor or bioaccumulation factor greater than or equal to five
14 thousand, or if neither are available, having a log Kow greater than
15 5.0.

16 (12) "Very persistent" means having a half-life greater than or
17 equal to one of the following:

18 (a) A half-life in soil or sediment of greater than one hundred
19 eighty days;

20 (b) A half-life greater than or equal to sixty days in water or
21 evidence of long-range transport.

22 (13) "TCEP" means the chemical (tris(2-chloroethyl)phosphate);
23 chemical abstracts service number 115-96-8, as of the effective date
24 of this section.

25 (14) "TDCPP" means the chemical (tris(1,3-dichloro-2-
26 propyl)phosphate); chemical abstracts service number 13674-87-8, as
27 of the effective date of this section.

28 (15) "Technically feasible" means an alternative that is
29 available at a cost and in sufficient quantity to permit the
30 manufacturer to produce an economically viable product.

31 **Sec. 5.** RCW 70.240.050 and 2008 c 288 s 7 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) A manufacturer of products that are restricted under this
34 chapter must notify persons that sell the manufacturer's products in
35 this state about the provisions of this chapter no less than ninety
36 days prior to the effective date of the restrictions.

37 (2) A manufacturer that produces, sells, or distributes a product
38 prohibited from manufacture, sale, or distribution in this state

1 under this chapter shall recall the product and reimburse the
2 retailer or any other purchaser for the product.

3 (3) A manufacturer of children's products in violation of this
4 chapter is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand
5 dollars for each violation in the case of a first offense.
6 Manufacturers who are repeat violators are subject to a civil penalty
7 not to exceed ten thousand dollars for each repeat offense. Penalties
8 collected under this section must be deposited in the state toxics
9 control account created in RCW 70.105D.070.

10 (4) Retailers who unknowingly sell products that are restricted
11 from sale under this chapter are not liable under this chapter.

12 (5) The sale or purchase of any previously owned product
13 containing a chemical restricted under this chapter made in casual or
14 isolated sales as defined in RCW 82.04.040 or by a nonprofit
15 organization is exempt from this chapter.

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