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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

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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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