

SENATE No. 1175**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone Creem*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect children and families from harmful flame retardants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/5/2017</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>7/18/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/21/2018</i>

SENATE No. 1175

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1132 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

An Act to protect children and families from harmful flame retardants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 27. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following
4 meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5 “Bedding”, any residential or commercial bedding material including, but not limited to,
6 a mattress, mattress pad, mattress cover, sheeting, pillow, blanket, comforter, duvet cover,
7 sleeping bag or any other stuffed item intended to be used for reclining or sleeping.

8 “Carpeting”, residential or commercial fabric floor covering, including carpet padding.

9 “Children’s product”, a consumer product intended, made or marketed for use by children
10 12 years of age or under.

“Covered product”, bedding, carpeting, children’s product, residential upholstered furniture, or window treatment.

“Department”, the department of environmental protection.

“Engineered nanoobject”, a material with one, two or three external dimensions in the nanoscale.

"Manufacturer", a person or entity that produces, imports or distributes covered products.

“Nanoscale”, Size range from approximately 1 nanometers to 100 nanometers.

"Residential upholstered furniture", seating or other upholstered products intended for indoor or outdoor use in or at a home or other dwelling intended for residential occupancy that consists in whole or in part of resilient cushioning materials enclosed within a covering consisting of fabric or other textile.

"Retailer", a person or entity that offers a product for sale at retail through any means including, but not limited to, remote offerings such as sales outlets, catalogs or the internet but shall not include a sale that is a wholesale transaction with a distributor or a retailer.

“Window treatment”, residential or commercial curtain materials, blinds or shades.

(b) A manufacturer or retailer shall not sell, offer or manufacture for sale, distribute in commerce or import into the commonwealth a covered product, except for inventory manufactured prior to January 1, 2018, that contains any of the following chemical flame retardants or a chemical analogue the total weight of which exceeds 1,000 parts per million for any component part of the covered product:

- (i) Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl)phosphate (TDCPP) (Chemical Abstracts Service number 13674-87-8);
- (ii) Tris(2-chloroethyl)phosphate (TCEP) (Chemical Abstracts Service number 115-1496-8);
- (iii) Antimony trioxide (Chemical Abstracts Service number 1309-64-4);
- (iv) Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) (Chemical Abstracts Service number 25637-99-4);
- (v) Bis(2-Ethylhexyl)-3,4,5,6- tetrabromophthalate (TBPH) (Chemical Abstracts Service number 26040-51-7);
- (vi) 2-Ethylhexyl-2,3,4,5-tetrabromobenzoate (TBB) (Chemical Abstracts Service number 183658-27-7);
- (vii) Chlorinated paraffins (Chemical Abstracts Service number 85535-84-8);
- (viii) Tris (1-chloro-2-propyl) phosphate (TCPP) (Chemical Abstracts Service number 13674-84-5);
- (ix) pentaBDE (Chemical Abstracts Service number 32534-81-9)
- (x) octaBDE (Chemical Abstracts Service number 32536-52-0),; and
- (xi) any other chemical flame retardants specified by the department pursuant to subsection (c).

(c) The department shall, in consultation with the Toxics Use Reduction Institute and the Science Advisory Board established in section 6 of chapter 21I, every 3 years review and identify other chemical flame retardants that should be prohibited under subsection (b); provided, however, that the department shall demonstrate that the chemical flame retardant: (i) is known to: (A) harm the normal development of a fetus or child or cause other developmental toxicity; (B) cause cancer, genetic damage or reproductive harm; (C) disrupt the endocrine system; (D) damage the nervous system, immune system or an organ or cause other systemic toxicity; or (E) is found to be a persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic or very persistent and very bioaccumulative substance; and (ii) meets any of the following criteria: (A) is documented in peer-reviewed biomonitoring studies that demonstrate the presence of the chemical in human umbilical cord blood, human breast milk, human urine or other bodily tissues or fluid; (B) is present in household dust, indoor air, drinking water or elsewhere in the home environment as determined through sampling and analysis; or (C) is present in a covered product.

If the department determines that a chemical flame retardant meets the conditions of this subsection, it shall promulgate rules to restrict the manufacture, sale, distribution in commerce or importation of any children's product or residential upholstered furniture containing the chemical flame retardant within 9 months after making such determination. A manufacturer or retailer shall not sell, offer or manufacture for sale, distribute in commerce or import into the commonwealth any covered product, except for inventory manufactured prior to the effective date of the promulgated rule, that contains the chemical flame retardant in a total weight that exceeds 1,000 parts per million for any component part of the covered product. Provided, however, that if the chemical flame retardant is an engineered nanoobject a manufacturer or retailer shall not sell, offer or manufacture for sale, distribute in commerce or import into the

commonwealth any covered product, except for inventory manufactured prior to the effective date of the promulgated rule, that contains the chemical flame retardant in any amount.

(d) This section shall not apply to: (i) motor vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles or any component parts; or (ii) the sale or purchase of any previously-owned product containing a chemical flame retardant prohibited under this section.

(e) Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, shall not apply to the sale, purchase, lease, distribution or use of any covered product manufactured before January 1, 2018 and any covered product that contains chemicals prohibited under this section due to the presence of recycled materials used during the manufacture of the product covered.

(f) A manufacturer or retailer of products containing a chemical flame retardant prohibited by subsection (b) shall be subject to a first offense civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each item of covered product sold in violation of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, and any additional civil penalties as may be determined by the rules and regulations of the department. If a manufacturer or retailer has been found responsible for a violation of this section and subsequently sells a covered product in violation of this section, the manufacturer or retailer shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$5,000 for each item of covered product sold and any additional civil penalties as may be determined by the rules and regulations of the department; provided, however, that a retailer shall only be liable under this subsection if the retailer knew or should have known that a covered product was being sold with a chemical flame retardant prohibited by said subsection (b)

(g) The department may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to implement this section.

(h) The department may establish a labeling program for any covered product that meets relevant fire safety standards and does not contain a chemical flame retardant prohibited by subsection (b).

SECTION 2. A manufacturer of a covered product as defined in section 27 of chapter 21A of the General Laws that contains a chemical flame retardant prohibited by said section 27 of said chapter 21A shall provide notice to retailers and other persons that sell covered products in the commonwealth of the passage of this act not later than October 3, 2017.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.