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H. R. 3499

To amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require third-party verification of compliance of children's products with consumer product safety standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOOLEY (for herself and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Children's Products
5 Safety Act of 2007".

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act and the amendments made
3 by this Act is to prevent the introduction of dangerous
4 toys and other products used by children into the market-
5 place by requiring independent third-party testing and cer-
6 tification that toys and other products intended for use
7 by children comply with consumer product safety stand-
8 ards and rules before they enter the interstate stream of
9 commerce.

10 **SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE OF CHILDREN'S**
11 **PRODUCTS WITH CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFE-**
12 **TY RULES.**

13 (a) EXPANSION OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
14 TO INCLUDE CERTIFICATION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
15 ALL CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY RULES PROMUL-
16 GATED UNDER ACTS ADMINISTERED BY THE CONSUMER
17 PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION.—Subsection (a) of sec-
18 tion 14 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C.
19 2063) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
21 graph (5);

22 (2) in paragraph (1)—

23 (A) by striking “Every manufacturer” and
24 inserting “Except as provided in paragraph
25 (2),”; and

1 (B) by designating the second and third
2 sentences as paragraphs (3) and (4), respec-
3 tively, and indenting the margin of such para-
4 graphs, as so designated, 2 ems from the left
5 margin;

6 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(2) Every manufacturer of a children’s prod-
9 uct (and the private labeler of such product if it
10 bears a private label) which is subject to a consumer
11 product safety standard under this Act or a rule
12 under this or any other Act administered by the
13 Commission declaring a consumer product a banned
14 hazardous product shall issue a certificate which
15 shall certify that such product conforms to such con-
16 sumer product safety standard or is not a banned
17 hazardous product under such rule, and shall specify
18 such consumer product safety standard or such
19 rule.”;

20 (4) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by para-
21 graph (2)(B), by striking “Such certificate shall”
22 and inserting “A certificate required under this sub-
23 section shall”; and

24 (5) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by para-
25 graph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “required by paragraph (1)
2 of this subsection” and inserting “required by
3 paragraph (1) or (2) (as the case may be)”;
4 and

5 (B) by striking “requirement under para-
6 graph (1)” and inserting “requirement under
7 paragraph (1) or (2) (as the case may be)”.

8 (b) THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Sub-
9 section 14(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15
10 U.S.C. 2063(b)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “The Commission may” and in-
12 serting “(1) The Commission may”;

13 (2) by designating the second sentence as para-
14 graph (2) and indenting the margin of such para-
15 graph, as so designated, 2 ems from the left margin;

16 (3) in paragraph (2), as so designated, by strik-
17 ing “Any test or” and inserting “Except as provided
18 in paragraph (3), any test or”; and

19 (4) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3) In the case of a children’s product, any
21 test or testing program on the basis of which a cer-
22 tificate is issued under subsection (a)(2) shall be
23 conducted by a nongovernmental independent third
24 party qualified to perform such tests or testing pro-
25 grams.”.

1 (c) DEFINITION OF CHILDREN’S PRODUCTS AND
2 INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY.—Section 14 of the Con-
3 sumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2063) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) CHILDREN’S PRODUCT.—The term ‘chil-
7 dren’s product’ means a toy or other article intended
8 for use by a child under 60 months of age that is
9 introduced into the interstate stream of commerce.
10 In determining whether a toy or article is intended
11 for use by a child under 60 months of age, the fol-
12 lowing factors shall be considered:

13 “(A) A statement by a manufacturer about
14 the intended use of such toy or article, includ-
15 ing a label on such toy or article, if such state-
16 ment is reasonable.

17 “(B) The context and manner of the ad-
18 vertising, promotion, and marketing associated
19 with the toy or article.

20 “(C) Whether the toy or article is com-
21 monly recognized by consumers as being in-
22 tended for use by a child under 60 months of
23 age.

24 “(D) The Age Determination Guideline
25 issued by the Consumer Product Safety Com-

1 mission in September 2002 and any subsequent
2 version of such Guideline.

3 “(2) INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY.—The term
4 ‘independent third party’, with respect to a testing
5 entity, means an independent testing entity that is
6 physically separate from any manufacturer or pri-
7 vate labeler whose product will be tested by such en-
8 tity, and is not owned, managed, controlled, or di-
9 rected by such manufacturer or private labeler.”.

10 (d) LABEL AND CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Con-
12 sumer Product Safety Commission shall prescribe a rule
13 in accordance with subsection (c) of section 14 of the Con-
14 sumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2063) for children’s
15 products described in subsection (d)(1) of such section, as
16 added by subsection (c) of this section.

17 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS OF CHILDREN’S PROD-**
18 **UCTS WITHOUT THIRD-PARTY TESTING CER-**
19 **TIFICATION.**

20 Section 17(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act
21 (15 U.S.C. 2066) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “or” at the
23 end;

24 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
25 the end and inserting a semicolon and “or”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(6) is a children’s product, as that term is de-
3 fined in section 14(d), that is not accompanied by a
4 certificate from a third-party verification entity re-
5 quired by section 14(a)(2).”.

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