

US Vermont Passed Bill to Regulate Toxic Chemicals Found in Children's Products

On May 9, 2014, the Vermont Legislature gave final approval to the bill, S.239, which gives the Vermont Department of Health the authority to require manufacturers to report, label, and remove harmful chemicals found in children's products.

This bill transfers full authority to the Department of Health to regulate toxic chemicals in products marketed to children ages 12 and under.

The 66 chemicals, including Formaldehyde, Phthalates, Bisphenol A, and heavy metals, are designated as chemicals of high concern to children in this policy.

Some highlights of the Vermont bill, S.239, include:

- Requires manufacturers to notify the health department of any of the 66 chemicals on the 'List of Chemicals of High Concern to Children' in their products by July 1, 2015.
- Requires the Commissioner of Health to publish a detailed description of the rule-making procedure by July 1, 2017.
- Requires the Commissioner of Health, beginning July 1, 2017, to review the list of chemicals of high concern to children and add additional chemicals if necessary.
- Allows to create the Chemicals of High Concern to Children Working Group for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the Commissioner

The law will take effect immediately on passage.

Link

The Vermont Legislative, Bill S. 239, As Passed Both House and Senate
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2014/bills/Passed/S-239.pdf>