



H.R. 1699 - Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 1699 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL) on March 26, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported, as amended, by voice vote by the Committee on Energy and Commerce on September 27, 2007.

H.R. 1699 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 9, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.R. 1699 requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to issue a standard within one year of enactment of this act that requires manufacturers of infant and toddler products including cribs, cradles, high chairs, strollers, activity centers and swings to:

- Provide consumers with a postage-paid registration form with specified products;
- Maintain a record of the names and contact information of registered consumers for at least six years after the date the product was manufactured to notify consumers in the event of a voluntary or involuntary product recall; and,
- Permanently place the manufacturer name and contact information, model name and number, and the date of manufacture on each specified product.

BACKGROUND

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death among children, and for every such injury that is fatal, approximately 18 children are hospitalized, and 1,250 are treated by emergency departments for such injuries that are nonfatal. According to the CPSC, an average of 50 children under the age of 5 die each year in incidents associated with nursery products, and about 16 of these deaths each year are associated with cribs.

According to the findings in this legislation, in 2003, an estimated 60,700 children under the age of 5 were treated in United States hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with nursery products, and there were 10,700 injuries to children under the age of 5 years associated with strollers alone. Of the 397 recalls issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission in fiscal year 2005, 109 (or 28 percent) were children's products. Children's products were recalled, on average, over 2 times per week, and accounted for 19,635,627 individual units.

COST

A cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) was not available at the time of publication.

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