

## **New York State Passes Children’s Product Safety and Recall Effectiveness Act of 2008**

On September 4, 2008, New York Governor David A. Paterson signed into law A11316-A/S8297-A, Chapter 553, the Children’s Product Safety and Recall Effectiveness Act of 2008, which prohibits the sale of recalled toys and other children’s products in New York State and requires that sellers of children’s products notify consumers of such recalls.

The new law sets forth the following:

- 1) Manufacturers of durable juvenile products distributed, sold or made available in New York State shall include a product safety owner’s card with the product at the time of original purchase by consumers.
- 2) As of July 1, 2009, every manufacturer or importer of a children’s product or a durable juvenile product sold or distributed in New York State shall include a label on the product or its packaging that states the manufacturer’s name and contact information; importer’s name and contact information, if different from the manufacturer; and lot and batch number or other code, if applicable.

“Product safety owner’s card” means a standardized product identification card that requests the initial consumer to provide to the manufacturer the name, address and other information by which the initial consumer may be contacted.

“Children’s product” shall mean a toy or other article, other than clothing, intended for use by a child under fourteen years of age.

“Durable juvenile product” means the following products intended for use, or that may be reasonably expected to be used, by children under the age of five years:

- Cribs
- Toddler beds
- Car seats
- High chairs, booster chairs, and hook-on chairs
- Bath seats
- Gates and other enclosures for confining a child
- Playpens
- Stationary activity centers
- Strollers
- Walkers
- Swings
- Child carriers
- Bassinets and cradles
- Other similar durable juvenile products as specified in regulations promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

This law is effective 180 days from enactment, or March 4, 2009, with the exception of the labeling requirements as noted in (2) above, which shall become effective July 1, 2009.

**Link to Assembly Bill:** [S8297-A](#)

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