

United States: Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act

On July 17, 2008, President George Bush signed into law H.R. 814, the Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act, making it Public Law No: 110-278. This law takes effect on January 17, 2009.

According to this law, each portable gasoline container, intended for use by consumers and manufactured on or after that date for sale in the United States, must conform to the child-resistance requirements for closures on portable gasoline containers specified in the standard ASTM F2517-05, issued by ASTM International. The law incorporates future ASTM revisions of this standard if the Consumer Product Safety Commission determines such revisions carry out the purposes of the law. This law, which is considered to be a safety rule issued by the CPSC under the Consumer Product Safety Act, also requires the CPSC to notify, within two years of the enactment of the law, specified Congressional committees of the degree of industry compliance, any enforcement actions brought by the commission and any incidents involving children interacting with portable gasoline containers (including both those that are and are not in compliance with the standard).