



SUPPORT

A. 9964 (Englebright)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the sale of child products containing organohalogen flame retardant

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 9964 (Englebright), which would eliminate the exposure of children to flame retardants by amending Article 37 of the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the use of Organohalogen Flame Retardants (OFRs), in children's products.

The federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warned the public of the health risks of OFRs, which contain bromine or chlorine, in September 2017, stating, "The known adverse health effects of these chemicals to consumers include: reproductive impairment (e.g., abnormal gonadal development, reduced number of ovarian follicles, reduced sperm count...); neurological impacts (e.g. decreased IQ in children, impaired memory, learning deficits, altered motor behavior, hyperactivity); endocrine disruption and interference with thyroid hormone action (potentially contributing to diabetes and obesity); genotoxicity; cancer; and immune disorders. These chemicals have a disproportionately negative health effect on vulnerable populations, including children."

This legislation, by prohibiting the use of OFRs in children's products, would ensure that parents can protect their children from the negative health impacts of these chemicals. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters urges passage of A. 9964.

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