

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # P9						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
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1 An act to require furniture manufacturers and retailers to disclose which furniture contains flame retardants.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: According to the Green Science Policy Institute, furniture flame retardants are associated with
6 cancer, endocrine disruption, reduced IQ, infertility, birth defects, neurological impairments, and other health
7 problems.
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9 Section 2: Flame retardants are mixed into consumer products, rather than chemically bound, and can leach
10 out and stick to dust particles that people inhale. What makes a sofa soft is also what makes it dangerous.
11 Polyurethane foam is called a solid gasoline for a reason. When exposed as little heat as a birthday candle, it
12 melts and emits highly flammable and toxic gases in a matter of seconds.
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14 Section 3: A recent study found that 94% of couches purchased after 2005 contained flame retardants.
15 There are many other ways to make furniture fire resistant such as the use of smolder-resistant barrier
16 materials and smolder-proof cover fabrics to prevent furniture from igniting.
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18 Section 4: A manufacturer of covered products shall indicate whether or not the product contains flame
19 retardant chemicals by including the following "flame retardant chemical statement" on the label.
20 "The upholstery materials in this product:
21 ___contain added flame retardant chemicals
22 ___do NOT contain added flame retardant chemicals
23 The fire safety requirements for this product can be met without adding flame retardant
24 chemicals. Many flame retardant chemicals are known to, or strongly suspected of, adversely
25 impacting human health or development."
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27 Section 5: The fine schedule for mislabeling shall be assessed as outlined below:
28 First violation not less than \$1,000 but not more than \$2,500.
29 Second violation not less than \$2,500 but not more than \$5,000.
30 Third violation not less than \$5,000 but not more than \$7,500.
31 Any subsequent violations after the third shall not be less than \$7,500 but not more
32 than \$10,000.
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34 Section 6: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2015.