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Substitute House Bill No. 5371

House of Representatives, April 10, 2001

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. FOX of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHCHAIRS AND BOOSTER SEATS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) On or before July 1, 2002, the Commissioner of Consumer
2 Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
3 chapter 54 of the general statutes, setting forth standards designed to
4 minimize injuries resulting from the design, misuse or maintenance of
5 booster seats and highchairs in restaurants.

6 (b) On and after July 1, 2002, any restaurant offering to a customer
7 the use of a booster seat or highchair shall comply with regulations
8 adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Consumer Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to adopt standards for booster seats and high chairs used in restaurants. It is anticipated that DCP will adopt such standards through the regulatory process, which has no fiscal impact on the agency. Beginning July 1, 2002, the bill requires restaurants offering its customers the use of high chairs or booster seats to comply with the standards established by DCP. It is uncertain how this provision of this bill would be enforced. If the agency responds to complaints of violations of the bill, then no additional resources are necessary, however if the department actively enforces this bill by deploying an inspector in the field additional resources would be needed.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill gives the consumer protection commissioner until July 1, 2002 to adopt standards to minimize injuries caused by the design, misuse or maintenance of booster seats and high chairs used in restaurants. Any restaurant offering its customers the use of a high chair or booster seat must comply with those standards beginning July 1, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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