



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 907

LCO No. 3419

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT BANNING THE SALE OF NOVELTY LIGHTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section, "novelty lighter" means a mechanical or electrical device
3 operated on a fuel such as butane or liquid fuel that is typically used
4 for lighting cigarettes, cigars or pipes and that (1) possesses audio or
5 visual effects, or (2) resembles in physical form or function articles
6 designed to appeal, or intended for the use of, children ten years of age
7 or younger. "Novelty lighter" includes, but is not limited to, lighters
8 that play musical notes or have flashing lights, or that resemble
9 cartoon characters, toys, guns, watches, musical instruments, vehicles,
10 toy animals, food or beverages.

11 (b) No person shall sell a novelty lighter in this state.

12 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a novelty lighter
13 (1) made before January 1, 1980, or (2) incapable of being fueled or
14 lacking a device necessary to produce combustion or a flame.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To ban the sale of novelty lighters in the state because of the danger such lighters pose to public safety.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]