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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 669

House of Representatives, February 27, 1975

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Chonko of Topsham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Sale of Stuffed Toys.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

26 MRSA § 135 is enacted to read:

§ 135. Articles to be tagged

Each article covered by this subchapter shall bear a plainly visible tag or be contained in a bag or box upon which shall be indelibly stamped or printed, in English, the name of the manufacturer or vendor, a statement showing the kind of materials used in filling such article and with approximate percentages when mixed.

It shall be unlawful to use any false or misleading statement, term or designation on said tag or container or to remove, deface or alter, or to attempt to remove, deface or alter such tag or container or any statement thereon.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present statutes do not require any labeling of toys, either as to their source or their contents. The Bureau of Labor and Industry has had difficulty in identifying the manufacturer or wholesaler to determine whether or not unmarked toys are from a licensed manufacturer or importer. Any toys not from a licensed source should be tested through the bureau to determine whether or not the contents are free from unsanitary materials, and licenses issued or toys removed from sale as the case may be. It is the intent of this Act to provide proper labeling to overcome that problem.