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U.S. STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROPOSES BAN OF LEAD, MERCURY AND CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

Bill AB 1228 (2012) prohibiting the sale, distribution, import or manufacture of any children's product intended for use by a child under the age of six which contains, is composed of or is made with, lead, mercury or cadmium, has been introduced into the State of New Jersey¹ (NJ) Assembly.

The NJ AB 1228 bill defines "children's product" to be a product, including a toy or play equipment, that is designed or intended solely or primarily (a) for the care of, or use by, a child, or (b) to come into contact with a child while the product is used.

An identical bill SB 636 has also been introduced into the NJ State Senate.²

Both bills include a requirement for immediate recall of any products known to contain any of the banned elements and outlines monetary and imprisonment penalties for violation of the proposed ban.

Neither of the bills includes any information regarding an effective date, nor do they currently specify any limits for what might be considered to be a permissible level of lead, mercury or cadmium.

¹ [Assembly n°1228, State of New Jersey 215th Legislature](#)

² [Senate n°636, State of New Jersey 215th Legislature](#)

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