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1 AN ACT Relating to recalled infant and child products; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall monitor consumer product recalls announced
7 by the United States consumer products safety commission and maintain
8 a listing of recalled consumer products, excluding toys, that present
9 a threat to the health and welfare of infants and children.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "infant" means a person less
11 than three years of age, and "child" means a person age three up to age
12 eighteen.

13 (3) The department shall produce a brochure based on the listing
14 required in subsection (1) of this section. The brochure shall:

15 (a) Be dated;

16 (b) Be updated with insert leaflets every six months;

17 (c) Be reproduced in its entirety every two years;

18 (d) List recalled infant and child products for the most recent
19 fifteen years;

1 (e) Cite the reason for the product recall; and
2 (f) Contain a notice that the brochure is produced and updated
3 periodically, covers a limited time period, and that the consumer may
4 access the most current and comprehensive information via the internet
5 through the United States consumer products safety commission web site
6 or telephone hotline. The brochure shall provide the web site address
7 and the hotline telephone number.

8 (4) The brochure described in subsection (3) of this section shall
9 be distributed to at least:

10 (a) Hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW, birthing centers
11 licensed under chapter 18.46 RCW, and midwives licensed under chapter
12 18.50 RCW;

13 (b) Parents at the time of childbirth;

14 (c) Child care providers licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW;

15 (d) Recipients of child profile information packets;

16 (e) Consignment and resale stores selling infant and child
17 products;

18 (f) Charities serving infants and families;

19 (g) Pediatrician, obstetrician, and family practice offices;

20 (h) Women, infant, and children program offices; and

21 (i) Department of social and health services' community services
22 offices.

23 (5) The department shall produce posters advertising the existence
24 and availability of the brochure described in subsection (3) of this
25 section. The department shall distribute these posters, on request, to
26 at least the locations cited in subsection (4) of this section.

27 (6) The department shall coordinate with other agencies and
28 entities to assure the dissemination of the material contained in the
29 brochure described in subsection (3) of this section to the target
30 population. Dissemination of the material may be through any media.

31 (7) The department shall coordinate with other agencies and
32 entities to eliminate duplication of effort in disseminating infant and
33 children consumer product safety information.

34 (8) The department may seek funding for this infant product safety
35 education effort from child-serving foundations or other private
36 sources.

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