HOUSE BILL No. 4376

March 3, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Brown and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled

"An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 722.111 to 722.128) by adding section 9b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 9B. (1) MINIMUM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS ACT SHALL INCLUDE A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF WINDOW BLINDS OR OTHER 2 WINDOW COVERINGS WITH PULL CORDS OR INNER CORDS CAPABLE OF FORMING 3 A LOOP AND POSING A RISK OF STRANGULATION TO A YOUNG CHILD. WINDOW 4 BLINDS AND OTHER COVERINGS THAT HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED OR PROPERLY 5 6 RETROFITTED IN A MANNER THAT ELIMINATES THE FORMATION OF LOOPS 7 POSING A RISK OF STRANGULATION ARE NOT PROHIBITED UNDER THIS 8 SECTION.

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(2) WHEN DEVELOPING AND PERIODICALLY REVIEWING MINIMUM
 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SAFETY OF THE PREMISES, THE
 DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT AND GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO
 PUBLICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
 COMMISSION.

6 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE
7 REGARDING REDUCED COST OR NO-COST OPTIONS FOR RETROFITTING OR
8 REPLACING UNSAFE WINDOW BLINDS AND WINDOW COVERINGS.