

SENATE BILL No. 602

September 7, 2011, Introduced by Senators KOWALL and BIEDA 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
2 SHALL INCLUDE A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF WINDOW BLINDS OR OTHER
3 WINDOW COVERINGS WITH PULL CORDS OR INNER CORDS CAPABLE OF FORMING
4 A LOOP AND POSING A RISK OF STRANGULATION TO A YOUNG CHILD. WINDOW
5 BLINDS AND OTHER COVERINGS THAT HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED OR PROPERLY
6 RETROFITTED IN A MANNER THAT ELIMINATES THE FORMATION OF LOOPS
7 POSING A RISK OF STRANGULATION ARE NOT PROHIBITED UNDER THIS
8 SECTION.

1 (2) WHEN DEVELOPING AND PERIODICALLY REVIEWING MINIMUM
2 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SAFETY OF THE PREMISES, THE
3 DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT AND GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO
4 PUBLICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
5 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.