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H. R. 6105

To ban certain small, high-powered magnets, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Magnet Injury Preven-

5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Small, high-powered magnets are commonly
9 sold in sets of 200 or more individual magnets.

10 (2) Small, high-powered magnets pose a hidden
11 hazard to infants, children, and teens.

1 (3) When two or more high-powered magnets
2 are ingested, the force (or flux) allows magnets to
3 find each other across or between different segments
4 of the digestive system.

5 (4) When magnets connect across or between
6 different segments of the digestive system, the result
7 can be perforations, abscesses, or fistulas in the
8 bowel.

9 (5) Sometimes, the magnetic force causes the
10 intestines to twist, cutting off blood supply and lead-
11 ing to bowel necrosis.

12 (6) Ingestion of two or more high-powered
13 magnets confers a high risk of abdominal catas-
14 trophe and death.

15 (7) Children almost universally require high-
16 cost medical intervention following high-powered
17 magnet ingestions.

18 (8) Evidence does not exist that warning infor-
19 mation will sufficiently reduce the hazard associated
20 with the ingestion of small, high-powered magnets
21 from magnet sets.

22 (9) The absence of regulatory action to rein-
23 state standards for small, high-powered magnet sets
24 requires legislative action.

1 **SEC. 3. BAN ON CERTAIN MAGNETS.**

2 (a) BAN ON CERTAIN SMALL, HIGH-POWERED
3 MAGNETS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of en-
4 actment of this Act, covered small, high-powered magnets,
5 regardless of the date of manufacture, shall be considered
6 a banned hazardous product under section 8 of the Con-
7 sumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2057).

8 (b) COVERED SMALL, HIGH-POWERED MAGNET DE-
9 FINED.—In this section, the term “covered small, high-
10 powered magnet” means any individual or set of separable
11 magnets that—

12 (1) is—

13 (A) a consumer product (as defined in sec-
14 tion 3 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15
15 U.S.C. 2052)) that is—

16 (i) intended, marketed, or commonly
17 used as a manipulative or construction
18 item for entertainment, such as puzzle
19 working, sculpture building, mental stimu-
20 lation, stress relief, or for similar enter-
21 tainment;

22 (ii) not a toy subject to ASTM F963
23 (or any successor standard); and

24 (iii) not children’s jewelry that is sub-
25 ject to ASTM F2923 (or any successor
26 standard); or

1 (B) a component of a consumer product
2 described in subparagraph (A);

3 (2) is or contains any individual magnet that
4 fits completely within the small parts cylinder de-
5 scribed in section 1501.4 of title 16, Code of Federal
6 Regulations; and

7 (3) is or contains any individual magnet with a
8 flux index of greater than 50 kG² mm².

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