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SYNOPSIS

Requires new flooring for schools and child care centers to be certified mercury free.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee on February 3, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning schools and child care centers and
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. ¹**[No]** A¹ construction permit shall ¹not¹ be issued
8 ¹pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-130)¹ for the
9 construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion, repair, or
10 upgrade ¹**[to]** of¹ flooring in **[a school or child care center]** any
11 building or structure to be used or currently in use as a school, as
12 defined in this section, or child care center, licensed pursuant to the
13 provisions of P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) ¹ unless the
14 applicant ¹:

15 (1)¹ presents a certification issued by the manufacturer of the
16 flooring materials to be used ¹**[in the construction, reconstruction,**
17 alteration, conversion, repair, or upgrade of the school or child care
18 center] in the project¹ that the materials are free of mercury and
19 compounds containing mercury ¹; and

20 (2) in the case of a project that includes a building or structure
21 containing existing flooring:

22 (a) presents a certification issued in accordance with subsection
23 b. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
24 Legislature as this bill) that the existing flooring material is free of
25 mercury and compounds containing mercury; or

26 (b) certifies that the flooring materials shall be removed prior to
27 installation of new flooring material, in accordance with subsection
28 a. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
29 Legislature as this bill)¹.

30 ¹b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this
31 subsection, a construction permit may be issued for the
32 construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion, repair, or
33 upgrade of flooring in any building or structure to be used as a
34 school, as defined in this section, or child care center licensed
35 pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1983, c.492, if the construction
36 permit is necessary to perform work in the building or structure in
37 order to comply with the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to
38 subsection a. of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
39 Legislature as this bill) and obtain the certification issued by the
40 Department of Health pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of
41 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

42 A construction permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall be
43 limited to the construction or alterations necessary to comply with
44 the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subsection a. of

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ACO committee amendments adopted February 3, 2022.

1 section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
2 as this bill.¹

3 ¹**[b.] c.**¹ A manufacturer of flooring used in the construction,
4 reconstruction, alteration, conversion, repair, or upgrade of a school
5 or child care center that issues a certification falsely stating that the
6 flooring is free of mercury and compounds containing mercury,
7 shall be liable to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for a first offense and
8 \$25,000 for a second or subsequent offense, which penalty may be
9 collected and enforced by the local enforcing agency by summary
10 proceedings pursuant to the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999,"
11 P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

12 ¹**[c.] d.**¹ As used in this section:

13 "Child care center" means a child care center licensed pursuant
14 to the provisions of the "Child Care Center Licensing Act,"
15 P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.).

16 "School" means a public or nonpublic school containing any of
17 the grades kindergarten through 12.

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19 ¹2. a. Within six months after the effective date of P.L. , c.
20 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) the Commissioner of
21 Health shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the
22 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
23 seq.) that establish: (1) procedures for the evaluation and
24 assessment of flooring material installed in buildings or structures
25 that are to be used for or currently are in use as a school, as defined
26 subsection d. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
27 Legislature as this bill), or child care center, licensed pursuant to
28 the provisions of P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.), for the
29 presence of mercury and mercury containing compounds; and (2)
30 standards for the removal and disposal of flooring material that
31 contains mercury and mercury containing compounds.

32 b. The commissioner shall establish an application process for
33 the certification issued pursuant to subsection c. of this section.
34 Every application for a certification shall be accompanied by a fee,
35 established in accordance with a fee schedule adopted by the
36 department, by rule or regulation, reflecting the costs of reviewing
37 and processing the application. Fees collected pursuant to this
38 subsection shall be deposited into a separate account, and shall be
39 dedicated for use by the department solely for the purposes of
40 administering and enforcing the provisions of this section and any
41 rules or regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

42 c. Upon a demonstration to the department by the applicant
43 that the procedures established pursuant to subsection a. of this
44 section have been followed and that the installed flooring material
45 does not contain mercury or mercury containing compounds, the
46 department shall issue a certification that the applicant is not

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1 required to remove the flooring material prior to the issuance of a
2 construction permit.¹

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4 ¹~~2.~~ 3.¹ This act shall take effect ¹~~90 days after~~ on the first
5 day of the third month next following¹ the date of enactment ¹,
6 except that the Commissioner of Health may take any anticipatory
7 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
8 implementation of this act¹.