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The California legislature is considering a bill that would require manufacturers of certain "juvenile products" subject to the state's Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Act, intended for use by infants and children under 12, to include a statement on the product's label advising whether or not the product contains chemical flame retardants. The bill already has passed the State Senate and was moved to the Assembly, where it is being reviewed by various committees.

Covered products would include articles which are clearly children's products, such as crib mattresses, infant bouncers, and booster seats, but also would cover products used by adults that would come into contact with infants or children, such as infant carriers and changing table pads. One such product that companies often overlook is a diaper bag. Although the bag itself is used by adults and is not considered to be a children's product, the changing pad included in the bag is a children's product and would be subject to this new labeling requirement.

The required label has extensive verbiage, requiring companies to disclose that California does not believe the covered products pose a serious fire hazard, that flame retardants are potentially hazardous, and to indicate whether or not the products contain flame retardant chemicals. If you would like to see more details regarding the proposed label, please contact us.

Since we recognize that this legislation may have a material impact on your business, we will monitor the bill's progress and will keep you apprised of further developments.

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