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SF 487 - Cigarette Lighters (LSB 2720 SV)

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Description

Senate File 487 requires the State Fire Marshal's Office to assess the degree to which novelty lighter sales may increase the likelihood of accidental fire, and related injury or death. The Bill provides that in conducting the assessment, the State Fire Marshal's Office will focus on the extent to which children and youth may be more inclined to pick up and utilize novelty lighters by virtue of their unique design characteristics, and will determine or estimate the number of accidental fires involving or started by children and youth in which novelty lighters may have been involved. The Bill requires the Fire Marshal's Office to prepare a report based on the assessment, including recommendations regarding the restrictions on the sale of novelty lighters, and will submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2008.

Background

The Oregon State Fire Marshal issued a call to action in August 2006 against novelty lighters due to fires and burn injuries resulting from children playing with novelty lighters that resemble toys. The Oregon State Fire Marshal has also requested that the Consumer Protection Safety Commission study the issue, but to date the study has not been agreed to. The data on fire and burn injuries caused by novelty lighters has never been collected.

Assumptions

The Department of Public Safety Commissioner's Office will coordinate the study, relying on the expertise of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 487 is expected to be minimal and will be managed with existing resources within the Department of Public Safety.

Source

Department of Public Safety

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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