Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair Home Furnishings, and Thermal Insulation Division 3 of Title 4 of the **California Code of Regulations**

Proposed Language

Legend: Added text is indicated by <u>underlining</u>.

Deleted text is indicated by strikethrough.

Amend section 1374 of Article 13 to read as follows:

1374. Flammability; Upholstered and Reupholstered Furniture.

This section operative on and after January 1, 2015. See preceding Section 1374, operative until December 31, 2014 and inoperative as of January 1, 2015.

- (a) On and after January 1, 2015, all filling materials and cover fabrics contained in any article of upholstered furniture and added to reupholstered furniture shall meet the fire retardant requirements as set forth in the State of California, Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Technical Bulletin Number 117-2013, entitled "Requirements, Test Procedure and Apparatus for Testing the Smolder Resistance of Materials Used in Upholstered Furniture," dated June 2013 and be labeled in accordance with Section 1374.3. This section incorporates by reference Technical Bulletin 117-2013 and shall not apply to filling materials and cover fabric manufactured prior to January 1, 2015.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) above, finished articles of upholstered furniture may also be tested in accordance with the State of California, Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Technical Bulletin Number 116 entitled "Test Procedures and Apparatus for Testing the Flame Retardance of Upholstered Furniture," dated January 1980.
- (c) All upholstered seating furniture sold for use in public occupancies, as defined in subsection (d) below, shall meet the test requirements set forth in the State of California, Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation Technical Bulletin Number 133, entitled "Flammability Test Procedure For Seating Furniture For Use in Public Occupancies," dated January 1991.
- (d) For purposes of this section, the term "public occupancies" shall mean:
- (1) Jails, prisons, and penal institutions, as defined in Chapter 3 of the California State Building Standards Code.
- (2) Hospitals, mental health facilities, and similar health care facilities, as defined in Chapter 3 of the California State Building Standards Code.
- (3) Nursing homes, board and care facilities, and convalescent homes, as defined in Chapter 3 of the California State Building Standards Code.
- (4) Child day care centers, as defined in Chapter 3 of the California State Building Standards Code.
- (5) Public auditoriums and stadiums, as defined in Chapter 3 of the California State Building Standards Code.

- (6) Public assembly areas, as defined in Chapter 3 of the California State Building Standards Code, containing ten (10) or more articles of seating furniture and located in hotels, motels and lodging houses.
- (e) Public occupancies and public assembly areas, as defined in Section 1374(d), which are fully sprinklered in accordance with either National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard NFPA 13-1996 or Uniform Building Code Standard No. 38-1, dated 1988 shall either comply with the requirements of Section 1374(a) or the requirements of Section 1374(c). (fc) The flammability requirements contained in this section are considered to be flammability performance standards. Testing under these standards shall be at the discretion of the licensee; however, products and materials offered for sale in this state shall meet all applicable flammability requirements established in these regulations.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19034 and 19161, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 19161, Business and Professions Code.

Amend section 1374.3 of Article 13 to read as follows:

1374.3. Labeling.

This section operative on and after January 1, 2015. See preceding Section 1374.3, operative until December 31, 2014 and inoperative as of January 1, 2015.

(a) Upholstered furniture conforming to the requirements of Section 1374(a) and 1374(b) of these regulations shall have a label permanently attached to the article, in plain view, stating the following:

NOTICE

THIS ARTICLE MEETS ALL FLAMMABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE REPAIR, HOME FURNISHINGS AND THERMAL INSULATION TECHNICAL BULLETINS 116 AND 117-2013. CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED NEAR OPEN FLAME OR WITH BURNING CIGARETTES.

(b) Upholstered articles conforming to Section 1374(a) but which may not conform to Section 1374(b) shall have a label permanently attached to the article, in plain view, stating the following:

NOTICE

THIS ARTICLE MEETS THE FLAMMABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE REPAIR, HOME FURNISHINGS AND THERMAL INSULATION TECHNICAL BULLETIN 117-2013. CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED NEAR OPEN FLAME OR WITH BURNING CIGARETTES.

(c) Articles of furniture conforming to the requirements of section 1374(c) shall have a label permanently attached to the article, in plain view, stating the following:

NOTICE

THIS ARTICLE IS MANUFACTURED FOR USE IN PUBLIC OCCUPANCIES AND MEETS
THE FLAMMABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF ELECTRONIC AND
APPLIANCE REPAIR, HOME FURNISHINGS AND THERMAL INSULATION TECHNICAL
BULLETIN 133. CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED NEAR OPEN FLAME OR WITH BURNING
CIGARETTES:

(\underline{dc}) Minimum size of the label for subsections (a), and (b) and (c) shall be 2 x 3 inches and the minimum size of the type shall be one-eighth inch in height. All type shall be in capital letters. (e<u>d</u>) All flammability labels described in sections 1373.1, and 1374.3 shall also comply with the labeling requirements of sections 1126(a) and (b).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19034 and 19161, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 19080, 19081 and 19161, Business and Professions Code.