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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Newell
Rep. Looper

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TITLE: CONCERNING REPEAL OF THE "BEDDING ACT".

Summary of Legislation

The bill repeals the Bedding Act, which requires the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to conduct inspections and enforcement activities related to mattresses and other bedding-related products based on consumer complaints.

The bill is effective August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Background

Since the adoption of the Bedding Act in 1941, the safety of mattresses and other consumer products has become subject to stringent federal standards, especially under the purview of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Many provisions of the original Bedding Act were repealed by the General Assembly in 1990.

At present, CDPHE expends virtually nothing in Bedding Act enforcement, based on minimal consumer complaints. To the extent that CDPHE is responsible for bedding-related sanitary enforcement (e.g., bedbug infestations), it takes action under both general departmental authority and specific statutes (e.g., regulation of public accommodations) that directly address areas of regulatory concern.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Because regulatory activity under the Bedding Act is minimal, its repeal does not alter the allocation of resources in the affected department (CDPHE).

Departments Contacted

Public Health and Environment

Law