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REFRIGERATOR SAFETY ACT

(References in brackets [ ] are to the United States Code and
the Code of Federal Regulations)

(References in braces { } are editorial insertions)

{SEC. 1.} [15 U.S.C. 1211]
It shall be unlawful for any person to introduce or deliver
for introduction into interstate commerce any household
refrigerator manufactured on or after the date this section takes
effect unless it is equipped with a device, enabling the door
thereof to be opened from the inside, which conforms with
standards prescribed pursuant to section 3.

Any person who violates the first section of this Act shall be
guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be
subject to imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of
not more than $1,000, or both.

{Modified by 18 U.S.C. 3571 as follows—
Organizations:
Not more than $200,000 if the offense does not result in death.
Not more than $500,000 if the offense results in death.
Individuals:
Not more than $100,000 if the offense does not result in death.
Not more than $250,000 if the offense results in death.}

The Secretary of Commerce shall prescribe and publish in
the Federal Register commercial standards for devices which,
when used in or on household refrigerators, will enable the
doors thereof to be opened easily from the inside; and the
standards first established under this section shall be so
prescribed and published not later than one year after the date
of the enactment of this Act. {16 C.F.R. Part 1750}

As used in this Act, the term “interstate commerce”
includes commerce between one State, Territory, possession,
the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
and another State, Territory, possession, the District of
Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

This Act shall take effect on the date of its enactment,
except that the first section of this Act shall take effect one year
and 90 days after the date of publication of commercial
standards first established under section 3 of this Act. In the
event of a change in said commercial standards first
established, a like period shall be allowed for compliance with
said change in commercial standards.

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