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Overview

This bill would prohibit the sale and resale of unsafe cribs, and would prohibit child care providers from using them. It would also place certain affirmative obligations on child care providers to inspect the cribs they use and certify that they are safe.

Section

1 Crib use in licensed child care settings. Requires the commissioner of human services to maintain a web link to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) web site on crib safety information. Requires licensed child care providers to maintain records of the name and model number of the cribs they use.

Requires that child care providers annually certify that the cribs they use are not identified as unsafe by the CPSC, or that they have been repaired so as to be safe. The documentation of this has to be maintained on-site so that parents or the commissioner of human services can review it.

Requires child care providers to conduct monthly safety inspections of cribs and maintain records of these inspections. Requires the commissioner to review this documentation during inspections. Failure to comply can result in discipline by the commissioner.

2 Crib safety.

Section

Subd. 1. Defines terms.

Subd. 2. Prohibits the sale or resale of unsafe cribs. Also prohibits hotels and motels from lending unsafe cribs to their patrons. Lays out specific guidelines for what constitutes an unsafe crib.

Subd. 3. Allows retrofits of unsafe cribs where the CPSC has approved the retrofit and the retrofit is disclosed at the time of the sale.

Subd. 4. Provides that a seller is not liable for selling an unsafe crib if the crib was not on the CPSC list of unsafe cribs the day before it was sold.

Subd. 5. Provides that violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 6. Provides that the remedies in this section are cumulative and are in addition to any other remedies available in law.

3 **Effective date.** Section 1 is effective January 1, 2004; section 2 is effective the day following final enactment.