

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the President of the United States to direct the United States Consumer**
2 **Product Safety Commission to test the materials used in children's toys and other**
3 **children's products for toxicity and to make the results publicly available.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** over \$15,000,000,000 worth of toys and other children's products were
6 imported to the United States in 2006; and

7 **WHEREAS** in 2007, over half of the recalls for toys and other children's products by
8 the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission were because of lead or chemical
9 poisoning hazards; and

10 **WHEREAS** the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission is an
11 independent federal regulatory agency created in 1972 by the Consumer Product Safety Act
12 (15 U.S.C. 2051 - 2085) to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injury associated
13 with consumer products; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Consumer Product Safety Commission conducts tests to determine if
15 a toy presents a choking, aspiration, or ingestion hazard but relies on toy and child product

1 manufacturers to regulate themselves regarding the materials used, including the toxicity
2 levels of the materials used in their products; and

3 **WHEREAS** children's bodies and brains are in the process of development and are
4 more susceptible to the hazardous effects of chemicals than those of adults; and

5 **WHEREAS** parents in Alaska rely on regulatory agencies to ensure the safety of toys
6 and other children's products;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
8 President of the United States to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to test the
9 materials used in toys and other children's products for toxicity and to make the results
10 publicly available to protect the public and the workers who handle toys and other children's
11 products from hazardous chemicals.

12 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
13 of the United States; Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chair of the United States Consumer Product
14 Safety Commission; Thomas Hill Moore, Commissioner of the United States Consumer
15 Product Safety Commission; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
16 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
17 the Alaska delegation in Congress.