



## Department of Commerce

Division of Industrial Compliance

John R. Kasich, Governor

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**TO:** MANUFACTURERS, IMPORTERS, DISTRIBUTORS, WHOLESALERS  
AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

**FROM:** OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL  
COMPLIANCE

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 22, 2017

**RE:** ADVISORY STATEMENT – OHIO’S BEDDING AND UPHOLSTERED  
FURNITURE LAW AND CHANGE TO PET BEDDING AND PET TOY  
REGULATION REQUIREMENT

I write on behalf of the Division of Industrial Compliance to inform you about two important changes which may affect you as a member of Ohio’s bedding industry. The first concerns Senate Bill 332, the infant mortality bill, that will go into effect on April 6, 2017. The bill prohibits the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, delivery, or possession for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, or delivering of “crib bumper pads” and requires the Division to enforce the ban. The definition of “crib bumper pad” as well as the Division’s enforcement role under this new legislation are outlined in Chapter 3713 of the Revised Code. See <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-SB-332>.

As required by the new law, the Division will begin enforcing the crib bumper ban on April 6, 2017. The Division will issue violation notices to anyone found to have violated the crib bumper ban, in accordance with the new Revised Code Chapter 3713. Violators may be fined up to \$500 per day for continued violations of the ban. The Division will soon begin the rulemaking process concerning this new law, and we welcome your input in this regard.

The second matter I wanted to inform you about concerns the Division’s application of Ohio’s Bedding laws to pet bedding and pet toy articles. Effective February 1, 2017, the Ohio Department of Commerce, through the Division of Industrial Compliance, will no longer enforce Ohio’s bedding laws as they pertain to pet bedding and pet toy articles. As a result, if you do not manufacture, import, distribute, or wholesale any other articles (aside from pet bedding and pet toys) regulated by our office, you will not be required to renew your registration. Please note, though, that if you are a current registrant affected by this change, you will still be responsible for reporting and remitting the annual report for pet bedding articles and pet toys from the beginning of the reporting period through January 31, 2017.

Please feel free to contact our office at (614) 644-2223 or by email at [ohiobedding@com.state.oh.us](mailto:ohiobedding@com.state.oh.us) if you have any questions regarding either of these items. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon R. Himes".

Shannon R. Himes  
Superintendent