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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S JEWELRY  
SAFETY ACT

Introduced By: Representative Laurence W. Ehrhardt

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 23 of the General Laws entitled "HEALTH AND SAFETY" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 24.11

4 COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S JEWELRY SAFETY ACT

5 **23-24.11-1. Short title.** – This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
6 “Comprehensive Children’s Jewelry Safety Act.”

7 **23-24.11-2. Definitions.** – (a) “Children’s jewelry” means jewelry designed or intended  
8 primarily for use by children twelve (12) years of age or younger to be worn as an item of  
9 personal ornamentation, and does not include:

10 (1) Toys or other products intended for use when a child plays;

11 (2) Accessories;

12 (3) Apparel;

13 (4) Footwear; or

14 (5) Any other product whose purpose is primarily functional and not ornamental.

15 (b) “ASTM F 2923-11” means the ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)  
16 International Standard Specification for Consumer Product Safety for Children’s Jewelry in effect  
17 on January 1, 2012.

18 **23-24.11-3. Requirements.** – All children’s jewelry manufactured one hundred eighty

1 (180) days after the effective date of this act shall meet the requirements of ASTM F 2923-11.

2 **23-24.11-4. Duration.** – The provisions of this chapter shall remain in effect until a  
3 superseding federal standard for children’s jewelry takes effect.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require children's jewelry to conform to standards promulgated by the
- 2 American Society for Testing and Materials.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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