

facture, renovation, disinfection, and sale of bedding and upholstered furniture and the filling materials used in the manufacture of these items; to provide for proper labeling and inspection; to provide for the administration and enforcement by the State Department of Health, and to authorize and empower the State Department of Health to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions thereof; to establish a Bedding Advisory Board; to provide for the licensing of manufacturers, wholesalers, renovators, disinfectors, and supply dealers; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 65 through 67 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Manufacture and/or Sale of Mattresses, etc." be and they are hereby repealed; and that new Sections 65 through 67G be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the Sections so repealed, to follow immediately after Section 64 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Control Law," and to read as follows:*

*Bedding and Upholstered Furniture Control Law*

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*The following definitions apply in the interpretation of the provisions of this subtitle:*

(1) *"Bedding" means any quilted pad, mattress pad, hammock pad, mattress, comforter, quilt, sleeping bag, box spring, studio couch, sofa-bed or convertible sofa, pillow or cushion made of leather, cloth, or any other material, which is stuffed or filled in whole or in part with concealed material, which can be used by any human being for sleeping or reclining purposes.*

(2) *"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the State Department of Health or his duly authorized representative.*

(3) *"Department" means the State Department of Health.*

(4) *"Disinfecter" (sterilizer) means a person who disinfects articles of bedding or filling material or component parts thereof.*

(5) *"Filling material" means cotton, wool, kapok, feathers, downs, hair, or any other material, or any combination thereof, loose or in batting, pads, or any other prefabricated form, concealed, or not concealed, to be used or that could be used in articles of bedding or upholstered furniture.*

(6) *"Importer" means a retailer who imports merchandise subject to this subtitle which is manufactured outside the United States or its possessions or Puerto Rico.*

(7) *"Manufacturer," "making," "make," or "made" includes altering, finishing, or preparing articles of bedding and upholstered furniture, or filling material for sale, whether made out of new or second-hand material.*

(8) *"Manufacturer" means a person who makes any article of bedding or upholstered furniture in whole or in part, or who does the upholstery or covering of any structural unit thereof, using either new or second-hand material.*