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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to standards for window coverings in child care facilities and foster homes.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 210, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 210.290, to read as follows:

**210.290. In granting licenses to child care facilities and foster homes, the directors of the department of health and senior services and the department of social services, respectively, shall require window coverings in compliance with the following standards:**

(1) All new and replacement window coverings shall be cordless as defined in this section, free of cords in their operation;

(2) All existing window coverings in use on the effective date of this section shall be grandfathered in, such that replacement is not required, except such window coverings shall be brought into compliance with the following standards:

(a) Roman shades, roll up shades, woven shades, and all window covering products with exposed and unsecured cords capable of forming a loop of greater than seven and one-fourth inches shall be banned;

(b) As to all horizontal blinds, cellular shades, and all window coverings which utilize draw cords for their operation:

a. The draw cord shall be cut short within seven to ten inches of the head rail of the product when the window covering is in the closed and fully extended position;

b. Each pull cord shall be maintained free of knots and tangling, and have its own separated tassel or break away device in compliance

22 with the American National Standards Institute/Window Covering  
23 Manufacturers Association standards known as ANSI/WCMA 100.1-2009;

24 c. A cord cleat shall be installed within ten inches of the head  
25 rail of the product and shall be utilized at all times when the window  
26 covering is in the raised position;

27 d. Cord stops shall be utilized on the draw cord of all window  
28 coverings and shall be positioned within two to four inches of the head  
29 rail when the window covering is in the closed and fully extended  
30 position, the cord stops shall comply with ANSI/WCMA 100.1-2009,  
31 except as otherwise provided herein; and

32 e. All excess horizontal blind slats shall be removed so as to fit  
33 within the confines of the window opening without the accumulation  
34 of extra blind slats;

35 (c) As to all vertical blinds and other window covering products  
36 with loops utilized in their operation, all loops formed by beaded  
37 chains, corded pulleys, or other operating mechanisms shall be secured,  
38 utilizing tie down devices, which shall be firmly affixed such that the  
39 cord loop is secured and the cord is taut at all times;

40 (3) The standards contained herein shall be the minimum  
41 standards utilized and applicable to window covering  
42 products. Nothing contained herein shall be construed so as to  
43 decrease what is necessary to comply with the window covering  
44 industry's standards as defined in ANSI/WCMA 100.1-2009;

45 (4) In the event that any child care facility or foster home  
46 licensed under this chapter, fails to comply with the requirements of  
47 this section, the director may in his or her discretion require  
48 replacement of window coverings with products that comply with this  
49 section;

50 (5) For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

51 (a) "Cordless", a window covering with the following  
52 characteristics:

53 a. All horizontal blinds and cellular shades shall have no draw  
54 cord and the inner cord or lift cord shall run within the slats of the  
55 horizontal blind such that it is incapable of forming a loop greater than  
56 seven and one-fourth inches;

57 b. All roman shades, roll up blinds, and woven shades shall have  
58 no draw cords and any lift cord shall be completely enclosed so as to

59 **not be accessible to the user;**

60 **c. A vertical blind shall utilize wands as its operating mechanism**  
61 **and contain no beaded chains, corded pulleys, or other looped cords**  
62 **operating mechanisms; and**

63 **d. Roller shades shall not contain cords or beaded chains.**

64 **(b) "Draw cord", any form of rope, strap, or string used to raise**  
65 **and lower a window covering product;**

66 **(6) If a term is not otherwise defined in subdivision (5) of this**  
67 **section, the definition contained in ANSI/WCMA 100.1-2009 shall apply.**

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