Ohio Revised Code
Section 3737.842 Rules for flammability standards.
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(A) The state fire marshal shall adopt rules that conform with technical bulletin 133, state of California bureau of home furnishings and thermal insulation, establishing flammability testing procedures and flammability standards for seating furniture used in public occupancies and rules he considers necessary for the administration and enforcement of this section. The rules shall not require any manufacturer of seating furniture to conduct such tests itself, but shall require that any seating furniture manufactured on or after the effective date of this section for use in public occupancies in this state comply with the flammability standards, and may require the submission of authenticated research reports to the state fire marshal verifying that the seating furniture meets the flammability standards. The state fire marshal may inspect any testing of seating furniture conducted under rules adopted under this division as he considers necessary.

(B) The manufacturer of any seating furniture sold in this state on or after the effective date of this section for use in a public occupancy that conforms to the flammability standards adopted by rule under division (A) of this section shall attach a permanent label to the article, in plain view, stating the following:

"Notice

This article is manufactured for use in public occupancies and meets the flammability requirements of California bureau of home furnishings and thermal insulation technical bulletin 133. However, care should be exercised near open flame and with burning cigarettes."

The label shall be no less than two inches by three inches and the type shall be in all capital letters and no smaller than one-eighth inch in height.

(C) No person shall sell for use in a public occupancy or use in a public occupancy any seating furniture manufactured on or after the effective date of this section that does not conform with the flammability standards adopted by rule under division (A) of this section or the labeling requirement
in division (B) of this section.

(D) Whenever the state fire marshal, an assistant fire marshal, or a certified fire safety inspector has reason to believe a violation of division (C) of this section has occurred or is occurring, he may seek enforcement of the prohibition contained in that division through use of the procedures established in sections 3737.41 to 3737.51 of the Revised Code.