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## County Passes "Toxic Free Toys Act"

### Law Introduced by Chairman Alden H. Wolfe will Ban Sale of Children's Products and Apparel Containing Harmful Chemical Substances

**New City, NY (June 30, 2015)** – The Rockland County Legislature passed a local law on June 16, 2015 to protect infants and children from the harmful health effects of unnecessary exposure to toxic chemicals found in children's products and apparel.

The local law, introduced by Chairman of the Legislature Alden H. Wolfe will ban the sale within the County of children's products or apparel that contain benzene, lead, mercury, antimony, arsenic, cadmium and cobalt. Recent studies have uncovered these toxic and carcinogenic chemicals in dolls, toy cars and trains, children's jewelry and puzzles sold in popular stores. Examples of proven illness and damage caused by these toxic substances are: cancer, developmental delay, respiratory issues and skin damage, hyperactivity and damage to the bodies immune system.

The law will not apply to used children's products sold second-hand or donated, or to protective sporting equipment designed to prevent injury.

"In the absence of Federal and State laws, we are committed to protecting the health and welfare of infants and children," said Chairman Wolfe. "Their growing bodies are vulnerable to the hazards caused by these chemicals. Common sense regulations on toys that ensure the health, safety and well-being of our children are of paramount importance to this Legislature."

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