

Public Law 107-307
107th Congress

An Act

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to consumer product protection.

Dec. 2, 2002

[H.R. 2621]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Product
Packaging
Protection Act of
2002.
18 USC 1365
note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Product Packaging Protection Act of 2002”.

SEC. 2. TAMPERING WITH CONSUMER PRODUCTS.

Section 1365 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f)(1) Whoever, without the consent of the manufacturer, retailer, or distributor, intentionally tampers with a consumer product that is sold in interstate or foreign commerce by knowingly placing or inserting any writing in the consumer product, or in the container for the consumer product, before the sale of the consumer product to any consumer shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

Penalties.

“(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), if any person commits a violation of this subsection after a prior conviction under this section becomes final, such person shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both.

“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘writing’ means any form of representation or communication, including hand-bills, notices, or advertising, that contain letters, words, or pictorial representations.”.

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