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## Rhode Island Amends Flame Retardant Law

The US State of Rhode Island enacted a law that prohibits the manufacture, sale or distribution within the state of residential upholstered bedding or furniture that contains 100 ppm (0.01%) or more of an organohalogen flame retardant in 2017. The law was effective on July 1, 2019.

However, the Governor of Rhode Island has already signed bill HB 5119 (2019) to amend this flame retardant law which mainly increases the limit value for organohalogen flame retardants from 100 ppm (0.01%) to 1000 ppm (0.1%) in residential upholstered bedding or furniture and exempts certain components of these products. The amended law will be effective on January 1, 2020.

	<b>Current Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 23-26</b>	<b>Amended by HB 5119 (2019)</b>
<b>Scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residential upholstered bedding or furniture (plastic, foam or textile)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residential upholstered bedding or furniture (plastic, foam, fabric, or textile)</li></ul>
<b>Flame Retardant</b>	Organohalogen flame retardants (FR)	Non-polymeric Organohalogen flame retardants (FR)
<b>Requirement</b>	< 100 mg/kg each FR	< 1000 mg/kg each FR
<b>Effective Date</b>	July 1, 2019	January 1, 2020
<b>Exemption</b>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Internal electrical and electronic components of residential upholstered furniture or bedding</li><li>Residential furniture or bedding sold for use in commercial or public areas</li></ul>

To view the amended law:

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText19/HouseText19/H5119.pdf>

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