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## NEWSBYTE: Legislation Introduced to Address Battery Compartments

The *Button Cell Battery Safety Act of 2011* has been introduced in the US Congress in an effort to reduce the risk of injury or death to children from ingestion of button cell batteries. The intent of the bill is to prevent access to these batteries by making the compartments housing them more secure against entry by children.

Button cell batteries are commonly found in many consumer products, including watches, calculators, hand-held electronics, some remote controls, and a wide range of toys. The National Poison Data System indicates over 3,400 cases of button battery ingestion were reported to US poison centers each year between 2007 and 2010. An increase in related serious injuries has been attributed to the use of newer batteries with different design and higher voltages.

The *Button Cell Battery Safety Act of 2011* tasks the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) with the following: devising standards for products containing button cell batteries, developing a standard to prevent access to button cell battery compartments by small children, and creating appropriate warning labels to be placed on battery packaging, accompanying literature, and where feasible, on the product itself.

### Additional Information

Link to Senate press release:

[http://commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord\\_id=2fae38cf-05f4-4e00-8c1b-3c7bb68254ca&ContentType\\_id=77eb43da-aa94-497d-a73f-5c951ff72372&Group\\_id=4b968841-f3e8-49da-a529-7b18e32fd69d](http://commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=2fae38cf-05f4-4e00-8c1b-3c7bb68254ca&ContentType_id=77eb43da-aa94-497d-a73f-5c951ff72372&Group_id=4b968841-f3e8-49da-a529-7b18e32fd69d)

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