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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE MERCURY REDUCTION PROVISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22a-617 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (a) Except as provided in section 22a-618, except for products that
5 contain a mercury-containing lamp used for backlighting that cannot
6 feasibly be removed by the purchaser and except for [specialized
7 lighting used in the entertainment industry such as metal halide lights]
8 high intensity discharge lamps containing more than one hundred
9 milligrams of mercury including, but not limited to, metal halide
10 lamps, mercury vapor lamps, mercury capillary lamps, mercury-xenon
11 short-arc lamps and mercury short-arc lamps, no person shall offer for
12 sale or distribute for promotional purposes any mercury-added
13 product if: (1) After July 1, 2004, the mercury content of the product
14 exceeds one gram in the case of fabricated mercury-added products or
15 two hundred fifty parts per million in the case of formulated mercury-
16 added products; and (2) on and after July 1, 2006, the mercury content

17 of the product exceeds one hundred milligrams in the case of
18 fabricated mercury-added products or fifty parts per million in the
19 case of formulated mercury-added products.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 22a-619 of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
22 *1, 2005*):

23 (g) (1) Manufacturers shall meet all the requirements of this section
24 for large appliances, including, but not limited to, washers, dryers,
25 ovens, including microwave ovens, refrigerators, air conditioners,
26 dehumidifiers or portable heaters sold in a store where such appliance
27 is on display, except that no package labeling shall be required; (2)
28 manufacturers shall meet all the requirements of this section for
29 mercury fever thermometers, except that no product labeling shall be
30 required; (3) in the case of vehicles, (A) manufacturers shall meet the
31 product labeling requirements of this section for vehicles by placing a
32 label on the doorpost of the vehicles that lists the mercury-added
33 components that may be present in the vehicle, and (B) manufacturers
34 shall not be required to label the mercury-added components of the
35 vehicle; (4) manufacturers of products that contain a mercury-
36 containing lamp used for backlighting that cannot feasibly be removed
37 by the purchaser shall meet the product labeling requirements of this
38 section by placing the label on the product or its care and use manual;
39 (5) manufacturers [shall meet all the requirements of this section for
40 button cell batteries containing mercury, except that no labeling shall
41 be required] of button cell batteries containing mercury and products
42 containing mercury and products containing such batteries shall not be
43 required to meet the requirements of this section; (6) [in the case of
44 products that contain button cell batteries containing mercury as the
45 only mercury components, manufacturers shall meet the packaging
46 requirements of this section by including a label in the product
47 instructions, if any, and on the packaging, and no further product
48 labeling shall be required] manufacturers of luminaries shall meet the
49 labeling requirements of this section by providing information on their

50 websites and in their catalogs; (7) manufacturers of fluorescent lights
 51 and high-intensity discharge lamps shall meet the labeling
 52 requirements of this section by labeling the product packaging; and (8)
 53 manufacturers of medical equipment not intended for use by
 54 nonmedical personnel are exempt from this section.

55 Sec. 3. Subsection (f) of section 22a-620 of the general statutes is
 56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 57 *1, 2005*):

58 (f) The following are exempt from the provisions of this section: (1)
 59 Formulated mercury-added products intended to be consumed in use,
 60 including, but not limited to, reagents, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and
 61 other laboratory chemicals; (2) fabricated mercury-containing products
 62 where the only mercury is contained in a component that cannot
 63 feasibly be removed by the purchaser including, but not limited to,
 64 electronic products whose only mercury-added component is a
 65 mercury-containing lamp used for backlighting provided such
 66 manufacturer or trade association maintains a web-based service to
 67 provide information on recycling and safe disposal of such products;
 68 (3) photographic film and paper; (4) a manufacturer or trade
 69 association of mercury-containing lamps that maintains a toll-free
 70 telephone number and an Internet-based service to provide
 71 information on recycling and safe disposal of such lamps and directs
 72 consumers to such telephone number and service on any statutorily-
 73 required package label; (5) button cell batteries containing mercury
 74 and products containing such batteries; and [(5)] (6) any other product
 75 for which the commissioner determines a collection plan is not
 76 feasible.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-617(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-619(g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-620(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the exception for the restriction on the sale or distribution of mercury-added products to include additional high intensity discharge lamps; to exempt button cell batteries and products containing such batteries from the labeling requirements of the mercury reduction provisions; to revise the labeling requirements for luminaries; and to exempt button cell batteries containing mercury and products containing such batteries from the collection requirements of the mercury reduction provisions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]