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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 876

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MERCURY WARNINGS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Not later than  
4 January 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Public Health shall develop a  
5 consumer notice about mercury in fish and shellfish and shall (1) make  
6 such notice available to the public in pamphlet form, and (2) post all  
7 information contained in such pamphlet on the Department of Public  
8 Health's Internet web site. Such consumer notice shall contain (A)  
9 information about the nutritional value of fish and shellfish, (B) a  
10 warning about the harmful effects of mercury on pregnant and nursing  
11 women, women who may become pregnant and young children, (C)  
12 advice about the types of fish and shellfish that pregnant and nursing  
13 women, women who may become pregnant and young children  
14 should avoid, and (D) toll-free telephone numbers and Internet web  
15 site addresses that consumers may access for additional information  
16 about the risks of mercury in fish and shellfish, including, but not

17 limited to: The federal Food and Drug Administration's Food  
 18 Information Hotline, the federal Food and Drug Administration's Food  
 19 Safety web site, the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Fish  
 20 Advisory web site and the Department of Environmental Protection's  
 21 web site.

22 (b) On and after January 15, 2006, no grocery or food store, as  
 23 defined in section 22-38b of the general statutes, shall sell fish or  
 24 shellfish to consumers in this state, unless the owner or operator of the  
 25 store has (1) made copies of the pamphlet developed pursuant to  
 26 subsection (a) of this section available to consumers in close proximity  
 27 to the fish or shellfish being sold, and (2) signage indicating the  
 28 availability of pamphlets describing the potential harmful effects of  
 29 mercury in fish or shellfish."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section