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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. Section 22a-613 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subdivision (13) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 (NEW) (13) "Button cell battery" means a household battery that
4 resembles a button or coin in size and shape, but does not mean a
5 silver oxide watch battery.

6 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 22a-617 of the general statutes is
7 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
8 *1, 2006*):

9 (a) Except as provided in section 22a-618, except for products that
10 contain a mercury-containing lamp used for backlighting that cannot
11 feasibly be removed by the purchaser and except for [specialized
12 lighting used in the entertainment industry such as metal halide lights]
13 high intensity discharge lamps containing more than one hundred
14 milligrams of mercury including metal halide lamps, mercury vapor

15 lamps, mercury capillary lamps, mercury-xenon short-arc lamps and
16 mercury short-arc lamps, no person shall offer for sale or distribute for
17 promotional purposes any mercury-added product if: (1) After July 1,
18 2004, the mercury content of the product exceeds one gram in the case
19 of fabricated mercury-added products or two hundred fifty parts per
20 million in the case of formulated mercury-added products; and (2) on
21 and after July 1, 2006, the mercury content of the product exceeds one
22 hundred milligrams in the case of fabricated mercury-added products
23 or fifty parts per million in the case of formulated mercury-added
24 products.

25 Sec. 3. Subsection (g) of section 22a-619 of the general statutes is
26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
27 *1, 2006*):

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

48 requirements of this section; (6) [in the case of products that contain
49 button cell batteries containing mercury as the only mercury
50 components, manufacturers shall meet the packaging requirements of
51 this section by including a label in the product instructions, if any, and
52 on the packaging, and no further product labeling shall be required]
53 manufacturers of luminaires shall meet the labeling requirements of
54 this section by providing information on their websites and in their
55 catalogs; (7) manufacturers of fluorescent lights and high-intensity
56 discharge lamps shall meet the labeling requirements of this section by
57 labeling the product packaging; and (8) manufacturers of medical
58 equipment not intended for use by nonmedical personnel are exempt
59 from this section.

60 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 22a-620 of the general statutes is
61 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
62 *1, 2006*):

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

81 feasible.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	22a-613
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	22a-617(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	22a-619(g)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	22a-620(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the mercury reduction provisions to expand the exemptions for certain lamps, button cell batteries, and products containing button cell batteries.

[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.]