

Dear Senator Meyer,

Yesterday we spoke about a problem with the wording of SB 205. This was pointed out to me by Tom Metzner of the DEP and Anne and I have gone over the language together and agree. The SB 205 language doesn't work when inserted into the existing statutes. Specifically, the current language references 22a-620 which requires a manufacturer to submit a collection plan to the department for mercury products. That law predicates the collection on the sale, and the sale of thermostats was banned in accordance with 22a-617. The sale of mercury thermostats has been prohibited since July 1, 2004. Therefore, the thermostat manufacturers were never required to submit a collection plan.

I would suggest a change that requires the thermostat manufacturer to establish a collection plan including the \$5 bounty notwithstanding the provisions of 22a-620.

Thank you,

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