



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 453**

January Session, 2011

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1111

*Senate, April 7, 2011*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN SILVER OXIDE BATTERIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 22a-616 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22a-617, on and after  
5 July 1, 2011, no person shall offer for sale or distribute for promotional  
6 purposes button cell batteries containing mercury or any product  
7 containing such batteries, except a battery containing mercury  
8 described as an Hg-silver oxide battery that is used exclusively in a  
9 medical device to automatically deliver insulin to a person may be sold  
10 or distributed for promotional purposes until January 1, 2015. A  
11 manufacturer that produces or sells button cell batteries containing  
12 mercury or any product containing such batteries shall notify retailers  
13 about the provisions of this subsection and how to dispose of the  
14 remaining inventory property, except a battery containing mercury

15 described as an Hg-silver oxide battery that is used exclusively in a  
 16 medical device to automatically deliver insulin to a person, in  
 17 accordance with this title.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-616(e)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

"or distributed for promotional purposes" was added for consistency with the existing statutory language.

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as this bill prohibits the private retail sale of certain silver oxide batteries after January 1, 2015.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1111*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN SILVER OXIDE BATTERIES.*****SUMMARY:**

Existing law prohibits offering for sale, or distributing for promotional purposes, button cell batteries containing mercury or any product containing them after July 1, 2011. Manufacturers producing or selling button cell batteries containing mercury or products containing them must notify retailers about this prohibition and how to properly dispose of remaining inventory according to law.

This bill exempts, until January 1, 2015, mercury batteries described as Hg-silver oxide batteries used exclusively in a medical device to automatically provide insulin to a person.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/21/2011)