

- ~~(V) DYES OR PIGMENTS;~~
- ~~(VI) ELECTRIC SWITCHES;~~
- ~~(VII) FLUORESCENT LAMPS;~~
- ~~(VIII) HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT;~~
- ~~(IX) THERMOMETERS, AND~~
- ~~(X) THERMOSTATS.~~

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) MERCURY IS A PERSISTENT AND TOXIC POLLUTANT THAT BIOACCUMULATES IN THE ENVIRONMENT;

(2) CONSUMPTION OF MERCURY-CONTAMINATED FISH POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH THREAT;

(3) COMBUSTION OF MUNICIPAL AND OTHER SOLID WASTE IS A SOURCE OF MERCURY POLLUTION;

(4) BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT ARE WORKING TO REDUCE THE CONTENT OF MERCURY IN PRODUCTS AND TO CONTROL THE RELEASE OF MERCURY INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.

(4) (5) ACCIDENTAL MERCURY SPILLS, BREAKAGES, AND RELEASES HAVE OCCURRED AT SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES, EXPOSING STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS TO MERCURY EMISSIONS; AND

~~(5) HEALTH CARE, EDUCATIONAL, AND RESEARCH FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE EXPERIENCED EMPLOYEE EXPOSURES TO MERCURY, RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT COSTS; AND~~

(6) REMOVAL OF MERCURY AND MERCURY CONTAINING PRODUCTS FROM THE WASTE STREAM PRIOR TO COMBUSTION OR DISPOSAL IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE MERCURY POLLUTION.

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~~(A) A PERSON MAY NOT OFFER FOR SALE, SELL, OR PROVIDE IN THIS STATE ELEMENTAL MERCURY.~~

~~(B) A MANUFACTURER MAY NOT OFFER FOR SALE, SELL, OR PROVIDE IN THIS STATE:~~

- ~~(1) A MERCURY-ADDED NOVELTY, OR~~
- ~~(2) A MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCT.~~