

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994
PART 172.
MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS

324.17201 Definitions.

Sec. 17201.

As used in this part:

(a) "Appliance" means a refrigerator, dehumidifier, freezer, oven, range, microwave oven, washer, dryer, dishwasher, trash compactor, window room air conditioner, television, or computer. Appliance does not include a home heating or central air-conditioning system.

(b) "Manufacturer" means a person that produces, imports, or distributes mercury thermometers in this state.

(c) "Mercury fever thermometer" means a mercury thermometer used for measuring body temperature.

(d) "Mercury thermometer" means a product or component, other than a dry cell battery, of a product used for measuring temperature that contains mercury or a mercury compound intentionally added to the product or component. Mercury thermometer does not include a product or component of a product that is used as a replacement for an existing thermometer that measures temperature as part of a manufacturing process.

(e) "Thermostat" means a consumer product that uses a switch that contains mercury or a mercury compound to sense and control room temperature, including room temperature in residential, commercial, industrial, and other buildings, by communicating with heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning equipment. Thermostat does not include a product used to control temperature as part of a manufacturing device.

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324.17202 Mercury thermometer; sale, offer for sale, or offer for promotional purposes.

Sec. 17202.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), beginning on January 1, 2003, a person shall not sell, offer for sale, or offer for promotional purposes a mercury thermometer in this state or for use in this state. This subsection does not apply if the mercury thermometer is sold or offered for either of the following:

(a) A use for which a mercury thermometer is required by state or federal statute, regulation, or administrative rule.

(b) Pharmaceutical research purposes.

(2) Beginning on January 1, 2003, a person shall not sell, offer for sale, or offer for promotional purposes a mercury fever thermometer in this state or for use in this state, except by prescription. A manufacturer of mercury fever thermometers shall supply clear instructions on the careful handling of the thermometer to avoid breakage and proper cleanup should a breakage occur with each mercury fever thermometer sold by prescription.

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324.17203 Enforcement; violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 17203.

(1) The department of environmental quality shall enforce this part.

(2) A person who violates this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 60

days or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both, plus the costs of prosecution.

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324.17204 Sale of blood pressure device containing mercury; prohibitions; exceptions.

Sec. 17204.

(1) Beginning January 1, 2008, a person shall not sell, offer for sale, or offer for promotional purposes in this state or for use in this state a blood pressure recording, measuring, or monitoring device that contains mercury or a mercury compound intentionally added to the device.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), beginning January 1, 2009, a person shall not use a device described in subsection (1) in this state.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a blood pressure recording, measuring, or monitoring device that contains mercury or a mercury-added compound if all of the following requirements are met:

(a) The blood pressure recording, measuring, or monitoring device was purchased prior to the date of enactment of the amendatory act that added this section.

(b) The blood pressure recording, measuring, or monitoring device is used exclusively in a private residence or is used exclusively in a health care facility for the purpose of calibrating blood pressure recording, measuring, or monitoring devices that do not contain mercury or a mercury-added compound and is kept in a locked area within that health care facility that is inaccessible to the general public.

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324.17205 Thermostat containing mercury or mercury compound; sale or distribution prohibited; exception.

Sec. 17205.

(1) Beginning January 1, 2009, a person shall not sell, offer for sale, or distribute in this state or for use in this state a thermostat for use in regulating room temperature and that contains mercury or a mercury compound.

(2) This section does not apply to a thermostat if the thermostat is a replacement for an existing thermostat containing mercury or a mercury compound that is a component of an appliance.

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324.17206 Esophageal dilator, bougie tube, or gastrointestinal tube with mercury or mercury compound added; sale, offer for sale, or distribution prohibited; exceptions.

Sec. 17206.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), beginning January 1, 2009, a person shall not sell, offer for sale, or distribute in this state an esophageal dilator, bougie tube, or gastrointestinal tube if mercury or a mercury compound was added to the product during its manufacture.

(2) This section does not apply to either of the following:

- (a) A product the use of which is required by a federal statute or regulation.
- (b) A product whose only mercury-containing component is a button cell battery.

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