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Overview

Chapter 109 requires mercury-containing lamps to be recycled; bans the sale of various medical and measuring devices, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics that contain mercury; and establishes notice and labeling requirements for certain mercury-containing products.

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1 [115A.932] Mercury prohibition.

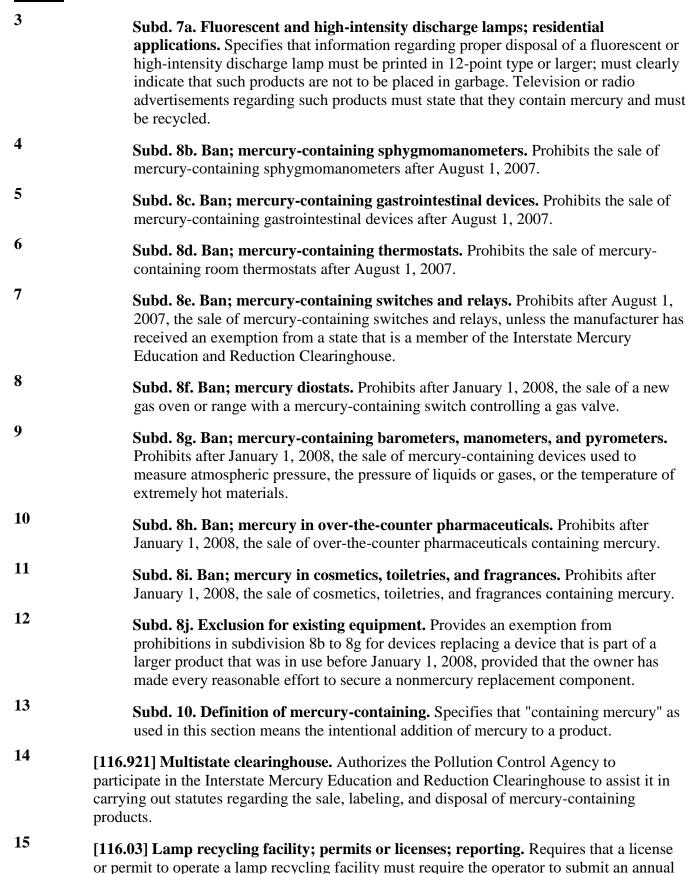
Subd. 1. Prohibitions. Prohibits the placing of a fluorescent or high-intensity discharge lamp containing mercury in solid waste or a wastewater disposal system, and requires such products to be delivered to a lamp recycling facility or a collection point that will deliver them to such a facility.

2 [116.92] Mercury emissions reduction.

Subd. 3. Labeling; products containing mercury. Requires a fluorescent or high-intensity discharge lamp or laboratory chemical, reagent, fixative and electrode containing mercury that is sold at wholesale or retail to contain a label informing consumers that it may not be disposed of until the mercury is removed. Labeling may conform to a plan approved by a state that is a member of the Interstate Mercury Education and Reduction Clearinghouse or may be contained in the product care and use manual.

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report to the agency, by March 1 of each year, beginning in 2008, on the number and types of lamps received from generators in Minnesota and from other states.

- [121A.33] Certain mercury use in schools prohibited. Prohibits, after December 31, 2007, a school from purchasing or storing elemental mercury or a measuring device that contains mercury, except thermostats used to measure temperatures in the school.
- [325E.127] Notice for fluorescent lamps containing mercury. Requires, after July 1, 2008, a retailer of fluorescent lamps to post a notice, in 36-point type or larger, stating that the bulbs contain mercury, must be recycled, and that a county or utility may be contacted regarding recycling options.
- Consumer education regarding fluorescent bulbs. Specifies that the legislature shall examine and consider alternative methods of consumer education to those in section 17 before July 1, 2008, and proceed to enact methods deemed effective.