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S 1014. MERCURY SWITCH REMOVAL ACT. TO REDUCE THE RELEASE OF MERCURY IN THE ENVIRONMENT BY THE REMOVAL, COLLECTION, AND RECOVERY OF MERCURY SWITCHES FROM CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES. Adds Part 6 to Article 9 of GS Chapter 130A for purpose listed in title. Requires manufacturer of vehicles sold in NC to develop a mercury minimization plan to the Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources. Specifies information that must be included in plan and requires plan, to extent possible, to utilize currently available end-of-life vehicle recycling infrastructure. Plan must provide method to finance removal, collection, and recovery of mercury switches installed in vehicles and that costs are to be borne by manufacturers, not by automobile dealers, consumers, vehicle recyclers, the State or local governments or other persons who become responsible for end-of-life vehicles. Specifies certain minimum costs for removing, recycling, and storing mercury switches and requires manufacturers to reimburse recyclers for those services. Sets out procedure for Dep't to approve minimization plan and requires vehicle recycler subject to approved plan to remove mercury switches before delivery to scrap metal recycling facility. Specifies procedures for inaccessible switches. Requires vehicle manufacturer to prepare an annual plan that describes status of vehicle changes that are intended to facilitate recycling of components that contain mercury and an annual report on implementation of mercury minimization plan. Requirement to develop mercury minimization plan effective January 1, 2006. Other provisions effective when bill becomes law. Sunsets on July 1, 2006.

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