

April 9, 2009

H 1287. RECYCLE PRODUCTS CONTAINING MERCURY. Filed 4/8/09. *TO REQUIRE ALL STATE AGENCIES TO RECYCLE ALL SPENT FLUORESCENT LIGHTS AND MERCURY THERMOSTATS; REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF ALL FLUORESCENT LIGHTS AND MERCURY THERMOSTATS FROM BUILDINGS PRIOR TO DEMOLITION; AND BAN MERCURY CONTAINING PRODUCTS FROM UNLINED LANDFILLS.*

Enacts new GS 130A-310.60, which requires each state agency and political subdivisions of the state to establish a program in cooperation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Administration for the collection and recycling of all used fluorescent lights and thermostats that contain mercury from state buildings. Requires the departments to report to the Environmental Review Commission by May 1, 2010.

Enacts new GS 130A-31.61, which requires the contractor responsible for the demolition of any building or structure in the state to first remove all fluorescent lights and thermostats containing mercury from the building or structure.

Amends GS 130A-309.10 by adding a new subsection (m), which prohibits the disposal of fluorescent lights and thermostats that contain mercury in any landfill that is unlined.

Effective July 1, 2009, except that the recycling program shall be established and implemented by December 1, 2009.

Intro. by Harrison.

GS 130A

May 4, 2009

H 1287. RECYCLE PRODUCTS CONTAINING MERCURY. Filed 4/8/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes subsection (b) of GS 130A-310.60 to require each agency and entity affected by the law to report by February 1, 2010 to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Administration on its compliance with mercury recycling requirements. Requires DENR and the Department of Administration to submit a compiled report to the Environmental Review Commission by May 1, 2010. Changes the effective date provision to make the act effective when it becomes law, except that required recycling programs must be implemented by December 1, 2009, and Section 2 of the act amending GS 130A-309.10 applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

May 12, 2009

H 1287. RECYCLE PRODUCTS CONTAINING MERCURY. Filed 4/8/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends Section 3 setting forth effective dates by adding that GS 130A-310.6 as enacted by Section 1 of the act shall be effective December 1, 2009.