ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4599

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding part 172.

PART 172. MERCURY THERMOMETERS

Sec. 17201. As used in this part:

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

(b) “Mercury fever thermometer” means a mercury thermometer used for measuring body temperature.

(c) “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.

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.

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.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

Approved __________________________________

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Governor.