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Act No. 120 (H.500). Conservation and development; mercury management; mercury lamps

An act relating to prohibiting the sale of mercury lamps in the State

This act would prohibit the sale or distribution in the State of four-foot linear fluorescent lamps beginning on January 1, 2024. The act defines “four-foot linear fluorescent lamp” as a general purpose, low-pressure, mercury-containing, electric-discharge light source in which a fluorescing coating transforms some of the ultraviolet energy generated by the mercury discharge into visible light and includes all of the following characteristics: two bases or endcaps of any type, including single-pin, two-pin, or recessed double contact; light emission between a correlated color temperature of 1700K and 24000K and a Duv of +0.024 and -0.024 in the International Commission on Illumination (CIE) Uniform Color Space (CAM02-UCS); all tube diameters, including T2, T5, T8, T10, and T12; and four feet in length. Several categories of lamps are excluded from the prohibition, including lamps used for image capture and projection and lamps that have high proportions of ultraviolet light emission. Notwithstanding the prohibition on the sale and distribution of four-foot linear fluorescent lamps, the act requires manufacturers of mercury containing lamps to continue implementation of an approved product stewardship collection plan for collection of mercury containing lamps previously sold in the State.

Effective Date: July 1, 2022.