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Introduced by Representative McCormack of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Conservation and development; mercury-containing lamps; sale;
prohibition

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
sale of mercury-containing lamps in the State beginning on July 1, 2023.

An act relating to prohibiting the sale of mercury-containing lamps

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. chapter 164a is amended to read:

CHAPTER 164a. COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF MERCURY-
CONTAINING LAMPS

Subchapter 1. Collection and Disposal of Mercury-Containing Lamps

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Subchapter 2. Prohibition on Sale of Mercury-Containing Lamps

§ 7161. SALE OF MERCURY-CONTAINING LAMPS; PROHIBITION

(a) Beginning on July 1, 2023, a person shall not sell or offer for sale a
mercury-containing lamp in the State.
(b) The prohibition under subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to ceramic metal halide lamps.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) “Ceramic metal halide lamp” means a metal halide lamp with an arc tube made of ceramic materials.

(2) “Metal halide lamp” means a high intensity discharge lamp in which the major portion of the light is produced by radiation of metal halides and their products of dissociation, possibly in combination with metallic vapors.

Sec. 2. TRANSITION; COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF MERCURY-CONTAINING LAMPS

(a) Notwithstanding the ban on the sale of mercury-containing lamps in the State under 10 V.S.A. § 7161, a manufacturer of a mercury-containing lamp shall continue to implement an approved collection plan for mercury-containing lamps until July 1, 2028.

(b) 10 V.S.A. chapter 164a, subchapter 1 (collection and disposal of mercury-containing lamps) is repealed on July 1, 2028.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.