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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mercury Switch Removal from Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring motor vehicle manufacturers to develop a mercury  
4 minimization plan that includes information on mercury switch removal from  
5 motor vehicles; requiring certain manufacturers to submit a certain plan to the  
6 Department of the Environment within a certain number of days after the  
7 enactment date of this Act; establishing certain requirements for a mercury  
8 minimization plan; requiring vehicle manufacturers to pay certain costs  
9 associated with mercury switch removal; requiring the Department to review  
10 the plan and make a determination about the status of the plan within a certain  
11 number of days; authorizing the Department to impose certain penalties for  
12 violators of a mercury minimization plan; authorizing a scrap recycling facility  
13 to accept end-of-life vehicles that contain mercury switches under certain  
14 circumstances; defining certain terms; authorizing the Department to adopt  
15 rules and regulations to administer the program; requiring an annual report  
16 containing certain information to be submitted to the Department; and  
17 generally relating to mercury switch removal from motor vehicles.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Environment  
20 Section 6–904  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
3 Article – Environment  
4 Section 6–905  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

7 BY adding to  
8 Article – Environment  
9 Section 6–905.4 through 6–905.6  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Environment**

15 6–904.

16 The General Assembly finds that:

17 (1) Mercury is a persistent and toxic pollutant that bioaccumulates in  
18 the environment;

19 (2) Consumption of mercury–contaminated fish poses a significant  
20 health threat;

21 (3) Combustion of municipal and other solid waste is a source of  
22 mercury pollution;

23 (4) Both industry and government are working to reduce the content  
24 of mercury in products and to control the release of mercury into the environment;

25 (5) Accidental mercury spills, breakages, and releases have occurred  
26 at schools in the United States, exposing students, teachers, and administrators to  
27 mercury emissions; and

28 (6) Removal of mercury and mercury containing products from the  
29 waste stream prior to combustion or disposal is an effective way to reduce mercury  
30 pollution.

1 6-905.

2 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (B) **“CAPTURE RATE” MEANS THE ANNUAL REMOVAL, COLLECTION,**  
4 **AND RECOVERY OF MERCURY SWITCHES AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL NUMBER**  
5 **OF MERCURY SWITCHES AVAILABLE FROM END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES.**

6 (C) **“END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE” MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS SOLD,**  
7 **GIVEN, OR OTHERWISE CONVEYED TO A VEHICLE RECYCLER OR SCRAP**  
8 **RECYCLING FACILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECYCLING.**

9 [(b)] (D) “Manufacturer” means a person that:

10 (1) Produces a product;

11 (2) For a multicomponent product, produces or assembles the final  
12 product; or

13 (3) Serves as an importer or domestic distributor of a product  
14 produced outside of the United States.

15 [(c)] (E) “Marketer” means a person who manufactures, assembles, sells,  
16 distributes, affixes a brand name or private label to, or licenses the use of a brand  
17 name on a fever thermometer containing mercury.

18 [(d)] (F) “Mercury-added product” means any of the following products if  
19 containing elemental mercury or a mercury compound that has been added to the  
20 product for any reason:

21 (1) Dyes or pigments;

22 (2) Electric switches;

23 (3) Fluorescent lamps; and

24 (4) Thermostats.

25 (G) **“MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN” MEANS A PLAN FOR REMOVING,**  
26 **COLLECTING, AND RECOVERING MERCURY SWITCHES FROM AN END-OF-LIFE**  
27 **VEHICLE.**

1           **(H) “MERCURY SWITCH” MEANS ANY LIGHT SWITCH OR ANTILOCK**  
2 **BRAKING SYSTEM SWITCH THAT CONTAINS MERCURY AND THAT IS INSTALLED**  
3 **BY A MANUFACTURER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

4           **(I) “MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY” MEANS A LIGHT, ANTILOCK**  
5 **BRAKING SYSTEM, OR OTHER SWITCH ASSEMBLY THAT CONTAINS A MERCURY**  
6 **SWITCH.**

7           **[(e)] (J) “Motor vehicle” has the meaning stated in § 11–135 of the**  
8 **Transportation Article.**

9           **[(f)] (K) “Reclamation facility” means a site:**

10           (1) Where equipment is used to recapture mercury from  
11 mercury–added fluorescent lamps for the purpose of recycling or reusing the mercury;  
12 or

13           (2) That collects mercury containing components from mercury–added  
14 fluorescent lamps for the eventual recapture and recycling or reuse of the mercury.

15           **(L) “SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY” MEANS A FIXED LOCATION WHERE**  
16 **MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ARE USED FOR PROCESSING AND**  
17 **MANUFACTURING SCRAP METAL INTO PREPARED GRADES AND THE PRINCIPAL**  
18 **PRODUCT IS SCRAP IRON, STEEL, OR NONFERROUS METALLIC SCRAP FOR SALE**  
19 **AND REMELTING PURPOSES.**

20           **(M) “VEHICLE MANUFACTURER” MEANS A PERSON THAT:**

21           (1) **IS THE LAST PERSON IN THE PRODUCTION OR ASSEMBLY**  
22 **PROCESS OF A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE THAT USES MERCURY SWITCHES; OR**

23           (2) **SERVES AS AN IMPORTER OR DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTOR OF A**  
24 **MOTOR VEHICLE THAT USES MERCURY SWITCHES PRODUCED OUTSIDE OF THE**  
25 **UNITED STATES.**

26           **(N) “VEHICLE RECYCLER” MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE**  
27 **BUSINESS OF ACQUIRING, DISMANTLING, OR DESTROYING SIX OR MORE**  
28 **END–OF–LIFE VEHICLES IN A CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF**  
29 **RESALE AND PARTS.**

1 **6-905.4.**

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER THAT SELLS  
3 MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE STATE.

4 (B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2007, A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER  
5 SHALL DEVELOP A MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN AND SUBMIT IT TO THE  
6 DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

7 (C) THE PLAN SHALL CONTAIN:

8 (1) INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE MAKE, MODEL, AND YEAR OF  
9 VEHICLES THAT MAY CONTAIN A MERCURY SWITCH, INCLUDING:

10 (I) LOCATION OF THE SWITCH;

11 (II) LOCATION OF A MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY; AND

12 (III) INFORMATION REGARDING THE SAFE AND  
13 ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND METHOD FOR REMOVING THE SWITCH FROM  
14 END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES;

15 (2) EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO ASSIST A VEHICLE RECYCLER OR  
16 A SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY TO UNDERTAKE A SAFE METHOD FOR REMOVAL  
17 OF MERCURY SWITCHES AND ASSEMBLIES, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE  
18 HAZARDS AND PROPER HANDLING OF MERCURY;

19 (3) A PROPOSAL FOR THE METHOD OF STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF  
20 MERCURY SWITCHES AND ASSEMBLIES, INCLUDING THE METHOD OF  
21 PACKAGING AND SHIPPING;

22 (4) A PROPOSAL FOR THE STORAGE OF MERCURY SWITCHES AND  
23 MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES COLLECTED AND RECOVERED IN THE EVENT  
24 THAT APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE;

25 (5) A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING AND FINANCING THE SYSTEM, IN  
26 ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM (6) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

1           **(6) INFORMATION THAT ESTABLISHES THE FINANCING OF THE**  
2 **REMOVAL, COLLECTION, AND RECOVERY SYSTEM FOR MERCURY SWITCHES,**  
3 **INCLUDING:**

4                   **(I) PAYMENT BY A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER FOR THE**  
5 **COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REMOVAL, COLLECTION, AND RECOVERY FOR**  
6 **MERCURY SWITCHES;**

7                   **(II) ESTABLISHMENT BY A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER OF A**  
8 **METHOD TO ENSURE THE PROMPT PAYMENT TO A VEHICLE RECYCLER, A SCRAP**  
9 **RECYCLING FACILITY, AND THE DEPARTMENT;**

10                   **(III) PAYMENT BY A MANUFACTURER OF THE FOLLOWING**  
11 **COSTS:**

12                           **1. A MINIMUM OF \$3 FOR EACH MERCURY SWITCH**  
13 **OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY REMOVED BY A VEHICLE RECYCLER IN**  
14 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-905.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE AS PARTIAL COMPENSATION**  
15 **FOR THE LABOR AND OTHER COSTS INCURRED BY A VEHICLE RECYCLER IN THE**  
16 **REMOVAL OF THE MERCURY SWITCH OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY;**

17                           **2. A MINIMUM OF \$3 FOR EACH MERCURY SWITCH**  
18 **OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY REMOVED BY A SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY IN**  
19 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-905.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE AS PARTIAL COMPENSATION**  
20 **FOR THE LABOR AND OTHER COSTS INCURRED BY A SCRAP RECYCLING**  
21 **FACILITY IN THE REMOVAL OF THE MERCURY SWITCH OR MERCURY SWITCH**  
22 **ASSEMBLY; AND**

23                           **3. \$1 FOR EACH MERCURY SWITCH OR MERCURY**  
24 **SWITCH ASSEMBLY REMOVED BY A VEHICLE RECYCLER OR BY A SCRAP**  
25 **RECYCLING FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-905.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE AS**  
26 **PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT FOR COSTS INCURRED IN**  
27 **ADMINISTERING AND ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

28                   **(IV) PACKAGING FOR TRANSPORTING MERCURY SWITCHES**  
29 **AND MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES TO RECYCLING, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL**  
30 **FACILITIES;**

1                   **(V) SHIPPING OF MERCURY SWITCHES AND MERCURY**  
2 **SWITCH ASSEMBLIES TO RECYCLING, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES;**

3                   **(VI) RECYCLING, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL OF THE MERCURY**  
4 **SWITCH ASSEMBLIES TO RECYCLING, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES;**

5                   **(VII) PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION TO VEHICLE**  
6 **RECYCLERS AND SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITIES OF THE EDUCATIONAL**  
7 **MATERIALS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
8 **SUBSECTION; AND**

9                   **(VIII) MAINTENANCE OF ALL APPROPRIATE**  
10 **RECORD-KEEPING SYSTEMS.**

11           **(D) (1) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A MERCURY**  
12 **MINIMIZATION PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE, DISAPPROVE, OR**  
13 **CONDITIONALLY APPROVE THE ENTIRE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN.**

14                   **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY RECEIVE INPUT FROM A**  
15 **REPRESENTATIVE OF A VEHICLE RECYCLER, SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY, OR**  
16 **ANY OTHER STAKEHOLDER AS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES NECESSARY.**

17                   **(3) IF THE ENTIRE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN IS APPROVED,**  
18 **THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER SHALL BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN 120**  
19 **DAYS AFTER APPROVAL, OR AS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

20                   **(4) (I) IF THE ENTIRE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN IS**  
21 **DISAPPROVED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INFORM THE VEHICLE**  
22 **MANUFACTURER OF THE REASONS FOR THE DISAPPROVAL.**

23                   **(II) THE MANUFACTURER HAS 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING**  
24 **NOTICE OF THE DISAPPROVED PLAN TO SUBMIT A NEW MERCURY MINIMIZATION**  
25 **PLAN.**

26                   **(5) (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY APPROVE THOSE PARTS OF A**  
27 **MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF**  
28 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION AND DISAPPROVE ANY PARTS THAT DO NOT**  
29 **COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS.**

1                   **(II) A MANUFACTURER SHALL:**

2                               **1. IMPLEMENT THE APPROVED PARTS OF A PLAN**  
3 **WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER APPROVAL OR AS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE**  
4 **DEPARTMENT; AND**

5                               **2. SUBMIT A REVISED MERCURY MINIMIZATION**  
6 **PLAN FOR THE DISAPPROVED PARTS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING**  
7 **NOTIFICATION OF THE DISAPPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT.**

8                               **(III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND APPROVE,**  
9 **CONDITIONALLY APPROVE, OR DISAPPROVE A REVISED MERCURY**  
10 **MINIMIZATION PLAN WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE PLAN.**

11                   **(6) (I) ON OR AFTER 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE**  
12 **DEPARTMENT RECEIVES A MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN, IF THE**  
13 **DEPARTMENT HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR DISAPPROVED THE MERCURY**  
14 **MINIMIZATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THE MERCURY**  
15 **MINIMIZATION PLAN SHALL BE CONSIDERED CONDITIONALLY APPROVED.**

16                               **(II) A VEHICLE MANUFACTURER SHALL IMPLEMENT A**  
17 **CONDITIONALLY EFFECTIVE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN WITHIN 30 DAYS**  
18 **AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL OR AS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE**  
19 **DEPARTMENT.**

20                   **(E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COMPLETE, ON BEHALF OF A VEHICLE**  
21 **MANUFACTURER, ANY PORTION OF A MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN THAT HAS**  
22 **NOT BEEN APPROVED BY MAY 31, 2008.**

23                   **(F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVIEW A MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN**  
24 **APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND RECOMMEND**  
25 **MODIFICATIONS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY AT ANY TIME IF THE DEPARTMENT**  
26 **DETERMINES THAT THE APPROVED MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN IS**  
27 **DEFICIENT.**

28                   **(G) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE**  
29 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

30 **6-905.5.**



1           **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY PERSON THAT HAS ANY PART OF**  
2 **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE**  
3 **WITH § 6-905.4 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

4           **(B) (1) UNLESS A MERCURY SWITCH OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY**  
5 **IS INACCESSIBLE DUE TO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE IN THE AREA**  
6 **SURROUNDING THE LOCATION OF THE MERCURY SWITCH, WITHIN 120 DAYS**  
7 **AFTER THE APPROVAL OR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF A MERCURY**  
8 **MINIMIZATION PLAN, A VEHICLE RECYCLER THAT SELLS, GIVES, OR OTHERWISE**  
9 **CONVEYS OWNERSHIP OF AN END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE TO A SCRAP RECYCLING**  
10 **FACILITY FOR RECYCLING SHALL REMOVE ALL MERCURY SWITCHES OR**  
11 **MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES IDENTIFIED IN THE APPROVED MERCURY**  
12 **MINIMIZATION PLAN FROM THE END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE BEFORE DELIVERY TO A**  
13 **SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY.**

14           **(2) THE CAPTURE RATE GOAL FOR A MERCURY SWITCH OR**  
15 **MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY SHALL BE AT LEAST 90%.**

16           **(3) IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS DAMAGED, THE DAMAGE SHALL BE**  
17 **NOTED ON THE NORMAL BUSINESS RECORDS OF THE VEHICLE RECYCLER THAT**  
18 **DELIVERED THE END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE TO THE SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY.**

19           **(4) IF THE MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY IS CORRODED,**  
20 **DAMAGED, OR MOLDED IN A WAY AS TO MAKE REMOVAL OF THE MERCURY**  
21 **PELLET FROM THE MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY IMPRACTICAL OR POSE A**  
22 **DANGER OF DAMAGE TO THE PELLET, THE ENTIRE MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY**  
23 **SHALL BE REMOVED.**

24           **(C) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A**  
25 **SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY MAY AGREE TO ACCEPT AN END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE**  
26 **CONTAINING MERCURY SWITCHES THAT HAS NOT BEEN INTENTIONALLY**  
27 **FLATTENED, CRUSHED, OR BALED.**

28           **(2) A SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR**  
29 **REMOVING THE MERCURY SWITCHES OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES**  
30 **IDENTIFIED IN THE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE**  
31 **WITH § 6-905.4 OF THIS SUBTITLE BEFORE THE END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE IS**  
32 **INTENTIONALLY FLATTENED, CRUSHED, BALED, OR SHREDDED.**

1           (D) (1) A VEHICLE RECYCLER OR SCRAP RECYCLING FACILITY THAT  
2 REMOVES A MERCURY SWITCH OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY IN  
3 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS DOCUMENTING  
4 THE NUMBER OF MERCURY SWITCHES AND MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES  
5 COLLECTED, THE NUMBER OF END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES CONTAINING MERCURY  
6 SWITCHES, AND THE NUMBER OF END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES PROCESSED FOR  
7 RECYCLING.

8           (2) THE RECORDS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
9 SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT ON  
10 THE REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT.

11           (E) A PERSON MAY NOT FALSELY REPRESENT THAT MERCURY  
12 SWITCHES OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM AN  
13 END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE BEING SOLD, GIVEN, OR OTHERWISE CONVEYED FOR  
14 RECYCLING IF THAT PERSON HAS NOT REMOVED THE MERCURY SWITCHES OR  
15 MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES, OR ARRANGED WITH ANOTHER PERSON TO  
16 REMOVE THE MERCURY SWITCHES OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES.

17           (F) ON REMOVAL, MERCURY SWITCHES AND MERCURY SWITCH  
18 ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE COLLECTED, STORED, TRANSPORTED, AND OTHERWISE  
19 HANDLED AS REQUIRED BY THE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN APPROVED IN  
20 ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-905.4 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND WITH ANY PROVISIONS OR  
21 REGULATIONS CONCERNING WASTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 9 OF THIS  
22 ARTICLE.

23           (G) (1) ON OR AFTER 1 YEAR OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A  
24 MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-905.4 OF  
25 THIS SUBTITLE, A MANUFACTURER SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
26 CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN.

27           (2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

28                   (I) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION AND DOCUMENTATION OF  
29 THE CAPTURE RATE ACHIEVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS  
30 SECTION;

1           **(II) A DESCRIPTION OF ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE**  
2 **ACTIONS THAT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE THE MERCURY**  
3 **MINIMIZATION PLAN AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE EVENT THAT A**  
4 **MERCURY SWITCH OR MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLY CAPTURE RATE OF AT**  
5 **LEAST 90% IS NOT ACHIEVED;**

6           **(III) THE NUMBERS OF MERCURY SWITCHES AND MERCURY**  
7 **SWITCH ASSEMBLIES COLLECTED, END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES CONTAINING**  
8 **MERCURY SWITCHES, AND END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES PROCESSED FOR**  
9 **RECYCLING;**

10           **(IV) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE MERCURY SWITCHES AND**  
11 **MERCURY SWITCH ASSEMBLIES WERE MANAGED; AND**

12           **(V) A DESCRIPTION OF THE AMOUNTS PAID TO COVER THE**  
13 **COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THE MERCURY MINIMIZATION PLAN.**

14           **(H) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISCONTINUE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE**  
15 **ANNUAL REPORT IF IT DETERMINES THAT MERCURY SWITCHES IN END-OF-LIFE**  
16 **VEHICLES NO LONGER POSE A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT OR**  
17 **TO PUBLIC HEALTH.**

18           **(I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER**  
19 **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

20 **6-905.6.**

21           **(A) IF A PERSON VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OR ANY REGULATION**  
22 **ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-905.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE**  
23 **DEPARTMENT:**

24           **(1) MAY ISSUE AN ORDER THAT:**

25                   **(I) SPECIFIES THE PROVISION THAT ALLEGEDLY HAS BEEN**  
26 **VIOLATED;**

27                   **(II) STATES THE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE**  
28 **VIOLATION AND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR CORRECTION; AND**

1                   (III) STATES THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A HEARING  
2 TO RESPOND TO THE VIOLATION ALLEGED IN THE ORDER, IN ACCORDANCE  
3 WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;

4                   (2) MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED:

5                   (I) \$7,500 FOR A FIRST OFFENSE;

6                   (II) \$10,000 FOR A SECOND OFFENSE; AND

7                   (III) \$25,000 FOR A THIRD AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT  
8 OFFENSE;

9                   (3) MAY NOT LEVY AN ASSESSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
10 SECTION UNTIL AFTER THE VIOLATOR HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE VIOLATION  
11 BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR PERSONAL SERVICE;

12                   (4) MAY BRING AN ACTION FOR AN INJUNCTION AGAINST ANY  
13 PERSON THAT VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OR A REGULATION OR ORDER ISSUED  
14 BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-905.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

15                   (5) MAY PETITION THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BRING A  
16 CRIMINAL ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

17                   (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF A VIOLATION  
18 BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR PERSONAL SERVICE.

19                   (2) A PERSON THAT RECEIVES NOTICE SHALL HAVE 20 DAYS  
20 AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE TO REQUEST A HEARING.

21                   (3) AFTER THE HEARING, IF THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT A  
22 VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, THE ORDER SHALL BECOME A FINAL ORDER.

23                   (4) AFTER THE 20-DAY REQUEST PERIOD, IF NO HEARING IS  
24 REQUESTED, THE ORDER SHALL BECOME A FINAL ORDER.

25                   (C) IF THE DEPARTMENT PURSUES ANY OF THE REMEDIES SPECIFIED  
26 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM SEEKING  
27 ANY OTHER REMEDY AFFORDED IT UNDER THIS SECTION.

1           (D) ANY PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE COLLECTED,  
2 WITH COSTS, IN A SUMMARY PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
3 PROCEDURES OF THE COURT.

4           (E) IN ANY ACTION FOR AN INJUNCTION, THE COURT MAY GRANT  
5 TEMPORARY OR INTERLOCUTORY RELIEF, INCLUDING:

6                   (1) A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT INJUNCTION; OR

7                   (2) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE VIOLATOR FOR THE REASONABLE  
8 COSTS OF:

9                           (I) ANY INSPECTION THAT LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
10 THE VIOLATION; AND

11                           (II) PREPARING AND LITIGATING THE ACTION BROUGHT  
12 UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

13           (F) (1) A PERSON WHO WILLFULLY OR NEGLIGENTLY VIOLATES THE  
14 PROVISIONS OF § 6-905.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND  
15 ON CONVICTION OF A FIRST OFFENSE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF AT LEAST \$2,500  
16 BUT NOT EXCEEDING \$25,000.

17                   (2) A SECOND OFFENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL  
18 SUBJECT THE VIOLATOR TO A FINE OF AT LEAST \$5,000, BUT NOT EXCEEDING  
19 \$50,000.

20                   (3) A PERSON THAT KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT,  
21 REPRESENTATION, OR CERTIFICATION IN ANY APPLICATION, RECORD, OR  
22 OTHER DOCUMENT FILED OR REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED UNDER THIS  
23 SUBTITLE OR THAT FALSIFIES, TAMPERS WITH, OR KNOWINGLY RENDERS  
24 INACCURATE ANY MONITORING DEVICE OR METHOD REQUIRED TO BE  
25 MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A  
26 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING  
27 \$10,000.

28           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2007.