RESOLVES
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Resolve, Regarding the Sale of Batteries Containing Mercury

Sec. 1. Review. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall review the sale of batteries containing mercury. The review must include consideration of the following:

1. The amount of mercury in foreign-made batteries sold in the State and the United States, including, but not limited to, foreign-made batteries sold with a consumer product;

2. Whether stacked button cell batteries meet the mercury content specifications of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2165;

3. Whether Title 38, section 2165 should be amended to include other battery chemistries;

4. Whether and how button cell batteries should be collected for recycling;

5. Whether and how button cell batteries should be labeled;

6. Whether the use of button cell batteries should be prohibited in some applications, including novelties; and

7. Whether nonmercury alternatives are available and, if so, to what extent and at what cost; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 14, 2005 regarding its review of the sale of batteries containing mercury.

Effective July 30, 2004, unless otherwise indicated.