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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, the public service  
law, the public authorities law, the social services law and the  
public housing law, in relation to the collection of mercury-contain-  
ing thermostats; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon  
expiration thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Short title. This act may be cited as the "Mercury Thermo-  
2 stat Collection Act".  
3 S 2. Section 27-2101 of the environmental conservation law is amended  
4 by adding eight new subdivisions 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 to  
5 read as follows:  
6 30. "COLLECTION PROGRAM" MEANS A SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPOR-  
7 TATION, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS  
8 THAT IS FINANCED AND MANAGED OR PROVIDED BY A THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER  
9 INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY WITH OTHER THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS IN  
10 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.  
11 31. "CONTRACTOR" MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF INSTALLA-  
12 TION, SERVICE, OR REMOVAL OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR-CONDITIONING  
13 COMPONENTS.  
14 32. "OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTAT" MEANS A MERCURY THERMOSTAT  
15 THAT IS REMOVED, REPLACED, OR OTHERWISE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE.  
16 33. "QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR" MEANS A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF  
17 INSTALLATION, SERVICE, OR REMOVAL OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR-CON-  
18 DITIONING COMPONENTS WHO EMPLOYS SEVEN OR MORE SERVICE TECHNICIANS OR  
19 INSTALLERS OR WHO IS LOCATED IN AN AREA OUTSIDE OF AN URBAN AREA, AS  
20 DEFINED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 34. "QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES" MEANS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS  
2 WASTE FACILITIES, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGE-  
3 MENT AGENCIES, OR DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

4 35. "THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER" MEANS A PERSON WHO OWNS OR OWNED A NAME  
5 BRAND OF ONE OR MORE MERCURY THERMOSTATS SOLD IN THE STATE.

6 36. "THERMOSTAT RETAILER" MEANS A PERSON WHO SELLS THERMOSTATS OF ANY  
7 KIND PRIMARILY TO HOMEOWNERS OR OTHER NONPROFESSIONALS THROUGH ANY SALE  
8 OR DISTRIBUTION MECHANISM, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SALES USING  
9 THE INTERNET OR CATALOGS. A THERMOSTAT RETAILER THAT MEETS THE DEFINI-  
10 TION OF THERMOSTAT WHOLESALER SHALL BE CONSIDERED A THERMOSTAT WHOLE-  
11 SALER.

12 37. "THERMOSTAT WHOLESALER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS ENGAGED IN THE  
13 DISTRIBUTION AND WHOLESALE SELLING OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR-CON-  
14 DITIONING COMPONENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THERMOSTATS, TO  
15 CONTRACTORS, AND WHOSE TOTAL WHOLESALE SALES ACCOUNT FOR EIGHTY PERCENT  
16 OR MORE OF ITS TOTAL SALES. A THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER, AS DEFINED IN  
17 SUBDIVISION THIRTY-FIVE OF THIS SECTION, IS NOT A THERMOSTAT WHOLESALER.

18 S 3. Section 27-2105 of the environmental conservation law is amended  
19 by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

20 5. NO PERSON SHALL DISPOSE OF AN OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTAT IN  
21 SOLID WASTE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF SUCH A PRODUCT EXCEPT BY SEPARATED  
22 DELIVERY THEREOF TO A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR HAZARDOUS WASTE  
23 MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMITTED OR AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE SEVEN OR  
24 NINE OF THIS ARTICLE.

25 S 4. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
26 section 27-2119 to read as follows:

27 S 27-2119. MERCURY-CONTAINING THERMOSTAT COLLECTION.

28 1. EACH THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER SHALL, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY  
29 WITH OTHER THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A COLLECTION  
30 PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF  
31 OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
32 THIS SECTION.

33 2. EACH THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER SHALL, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY  
34 WITH OTHER THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS THROUGH A COLLECTION PROGRAM, DO THE  
35 FOLLOWING:

36 (A) ON AND AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, COMPILE A LIST OF  
37 THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS IN THE STATE AND OFFER EACH THERMOSTAT WHOLESALER  
38 CONTAINERS FOR THE COLLECTION OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS.

39 (B) ON AND AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, MAKE COLLECTION  
40 CONTAINERS AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS, THERMOSTAT WHOLE-  
41 SALERS, THERMOSTAT RETAILERS, AND QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES  
42 IN THIS STATE THAT REQUEST A CONTAINER. EACH THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER  
43 SHALL WITH EACH CONTAINER INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPER  
44 MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS AS UNIVERSAL WASTE IN  
45 ACCORDANCE WITH THE COLLECTION PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT RULES.

46 (C) ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO COLLECT, TRANSPORT, AND PROPERLY MANAGE  
47 OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS FROM ALL COLLECTION SITES ESTABLISHED  
48 UNDER THIS SECTION.

49 (D) FROM JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, THROUGH DECEMBER  
50 THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, CONDUCT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH  
51 EFFORTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

52 (1) CREATE A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT PROMOTING COLLECTION AND  
53 PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS, COPIES OF WHICH  
54 SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT;

55 (2) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE FOR THE  
56 DISSEMINATION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO PROMOTE THE COLLECTION OF

1 OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS. THIS WEBSITE SHALL INCLUDE TEMPLATES  
2 OF THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE IN A FORM AND  
3 FORMAT THAT CAN BE EASILY DOWNLOADED AND PRINTED. THE LINK TO THIS  
4 WEBSITE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT;

5 (3) CONTACT THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR TO ENCOURAGE  
6 THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATING THEIR CUSTOMERS ON THE  
7 IMPORTANCE OF AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION AND PROPER  
8 MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS;

9 (4) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATING THER-  
10 MOSTAT RETAILERS TO EDUCATE THEIR CUSTOMERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AND  
11 OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLECTING AND RECYCLING OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THER-  
12 MOSTATS;

13 (5) CREATE AND MAINTAIN A WEB-BASED PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS CONTRACTORS  
14 AND CONSUMERS TO IDENTIFY COLLECTION SITES FOR OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY  
15 THERMOSTATS BY ZIP CODE IN THE STATE;

16 (6) PREPARE AND MAIL TO CONTRACTOR ASSOCIATIONS A POSTCARD OR OTHER  
17 NOTICE THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR  
18 OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS; AND

19 (7) DEVELOP INFORMATIONAL ARTICLES, PRESS RELEASES, AND NEWS STORIES  
20 PERTAINING TO THE IMPORTANCE OF AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLECTING AND  
21 RECYCLING OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS AND DISTRIBUTE THOSE MATE-  
22 RIALS TO TRADE PUBLICATIONS, LOCAL MEDIA, AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS.

23 (E) ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, DEVELOP AND UPDATE  
24 AS NECESSARY EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER OUTREACH MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION  
25 TO CONTRACTORS, CONTRACTOR ASSOCIATIONS, AND CONSUMERS. THOSE MATERIALS  
26 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PARTICIPATING THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS,  
27 THERMOSTAT RETAILERS, CONTRACTORS, AND QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
28 AUTHORITIES. THE MATERIALS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE  
29 FOLLOWING:

30 (1) SIGNAGE, SUCH AS POSTERS AND CLING SIGNAGE, THAT CAN BE PROMINENT-  
31 LY DISPLAYED TO PROMOTE THE COLLECTION OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMO-  
32 STATS TO CONTRACTORS AND CONSUMERS; AND

33 (2) WRITTEN MATERIALS OR TEMPLATES OF MATERIALS FOR REPRODUCTION BY  
34 THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS AND THERMOSTAT RETAILERS TO BE PROVIDED TO  
35 CUSTOMERS AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE OR DELIVERY OF A THERMOSTAT. THE MATE-  
36 RIALS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, INFORMATION ON THE IMPOR-  
37 TANCE OF PROPERLY MANAGING OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS AND OPPOR-  
38 TUNITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF THOSE THERMOSTATS.

39 (F) PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFER FEEDBACK AND  
40 SUGGESTIONS ON THE COLLECTION PROGRAM.

41 3. IF THE COLLECTION PROGRAMS DO NOT COLLECTIVELY ACHIEVE THE  
42 COLLECTION GOALS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION FOR  
43 CALENDAR YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN OR ANY YEAR THEREAFTER THE DEPARTMENT  
44 SHALL CONFER WITH THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS, THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS,  
45 QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS, THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT  
46 AUTHORITY, NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, DIVISION OF HOUSING  
47 AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, MUNICIPAL RECYCLERS AND  
48 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY INCLUDE THERMOSTAT RETAILERS, THE POWER  
49 AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PROVIDERS OF QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFI-  
50 CIENCY SERVICES AND LOW COST RESIDENTIAL WEATHERIZATION, AND CONSIDER  
51 REVISIONS TO THE COLLECTION PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE  
52 GOALS IN SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEARS.

53 4. WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER CONDUCTING STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS, THE  
54 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE FINDINGS WITH REGARD TO APPROVED MODIFICATIONS TO  
55 THE PROPOSED COLLECTION PROGRAM.

1 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS IF THE DEPARTMENT  
2 DETERMINES THAT THE REVISED COLLECTION PROGRAMS WILL COLLECTIVELY  
3 ACHIEVE THE COLLECTION GOALS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS  
4 SECTION.

5 (B) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THE REVISED COLLECTION PROGRAMS WILL  
6 NOT COLLECTIVELY ACHIEVE THE COLLECTION GOALS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION  
7 SIX OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATIONS TO ONE OR  
8 MORE COLLECTION PROGRAMS THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY TO  
9 ACHIEVE THE COLLECTION GOALS. MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
10 MAY INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CONDUCTED UNDER THE  
11 COLLECTION PROGRAM, EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF COLLECTION  
12 SITES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROGRAM, MODIFICATION OF THE ROLES OF  
13 PARTICIPANTS, AND A FIVE DOLLAR FINANCIAL INCENTIVE IN THE FORM OF  
14 EITHER CASH OR A COUPON OFFERED BY THE MANUFACTURER TO CONTRACTORS AND  
15 CONSUMERS FOR EACH OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTAT RETURNED TO A  
16 COLLECTION SITE.

17 (C) THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS SHALL BEGIN THE PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT  
18 COLLECTION PROGRAM REVISIONS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN NINETY  
19 DAYS AFTER APPROVAL.

20 5. NO LATER THAN APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, AND NO LATER THAN  
21 APRIL FIRST OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER SHALL,  
22 INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY WITH OTHER THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS, SUBMIT  
23 AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ITS COLLECTION PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT COVERING  
24 THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.  
25 EACH REPORT SHALL BE POSTED ON THE MANUFACTURER'S OR PROGRAM OPERATOR'S  
26 RESPECTIVE INTERNET WEBSITE. THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
27 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

28 (A) THE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS COLLECTED AND  
29 MANAGED UNDER THIS SECTION DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR;

30 (B) THE ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT OF MERCURY CONTAINED IN THE OUT-OF-SER-  
31 VICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION DURING THE PREVI-  
32 OUS CALENDAR YEAR;

33 (C) A LIST OF ALL THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS, CONTRACTORS, QUALIFIED LOCAL  
34 GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, AND THERMOSTAT RETAILERS PARTICIPATING IN THE  
35 PROGRAM AS MERCURY THERMOSTAT COLLECTION SITES AND THE NUMBER OF  
36 OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS RETURNED BY EACH;

37 (D) AN ACCOUNTING OF THE PROGRAM'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS;

38 (E) A DESCRIPTION OF OUTREACH STRATEGIES EMPLOYED UNDER PARAGRAPH (D)  
39 OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION;

40 (F) EXAMPLES OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS USED UNDER PARA-  
41 GRAPH (E) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION;

42 (G) THE INTERNET WEBSITE ADDRESS OR ADDRESSES WHERE THE ANNUAL REPORT  
43 MAY BE VIEWED ONLINE;

44 (H) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS WERE  
45 MANAGED;

46 (I) ANY MODIFICATIONS THAT THE THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER HAS MADE OR IS  
47 PLANNING TO MAKE IN ITS COLLECTION PROGRAM; AND

48 (J) THE IDENTIFICATION OF A COLLECTION PROGRAM CONTACT AND THE BUSI-  
49 NESS PHONE NUMBER, MAILING ADDRESS, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CONTACT.

50 6. THE COLLECTION PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS  
51 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DESIGNED TO COLLECTIVELY ACHIEVE THE FOLLOW-  
52 ING STATEWIDE GOALS:

53 (A) FOR CALENDAR YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, THE COLLECTION OF AT LEAST  
54 TEN THOUSAND MERCURY THERMOSTATS TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE IN THE STATE  
55 DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR.

1 (B) FOR CALENDAR YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE COLLECTION OF AT LEAST  
2 FIFTEEN THOUSAND MERCURY THERMOSTATS TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE IN THE STATE  
3 DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR.

4 (C) FOR CALENDAR YEARS TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN THROUGH TWO THOUSAND  
5 TWENTY-TWO, THE COLLECTION GOALS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.  
6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH COLLECTION GOALS NO LATER THAN JUNE  
7 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN. THE COLLECTION GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM FEASIBLE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-SERVICE  
9 MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN THE STATE. IN DEVELOPING THE COLLECTION GOALS,  
10 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, AT A MINIMUM, (I) THE EFFECTIVE-  
11 NESS OF COLLECTION PROGRAMS FOR OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN  
12 THE STATE AND OTHER STATES, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH EFFORTS,  
13 (II) COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS IN OTHER STATES, (III) ANY REPORTS OR  
14 STUDIES ON THE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS THAT ARE  
15 AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THIS STATE, OTHER STATES, AND NATIONALLY,  
16 AND (IV) OTHER FACTORS. PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING THE COLLECTION GOALS, THE  
17 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH STAKEHOLDER GROUPS THAT INCLUDE, AT A  
18 MINIMUM, REPRESENTATIVES OF THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS, ENVIRONMENTAL  
19 GROUPS, MUNICIPAL RECYCLERS, THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS, CONTRACTORS, AND  
20 THERMOSTAT RETAILERS.

21 7. ALL CONTRACTORS, THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS, THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS,  
22 AND THERMOSTAT RETAILERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM SHALL HANDLE AND  
23 MANAGE THE OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN A MANNER THAT IS  
24 CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL  
25 OF REFUSE AND OTHER SOLID WASTE AS REGULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

26 8. ON AND AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, NO THERMOSTAT  
27 WHOLESALER SHALL SELL, OFFER TO SELL, DISTRIBUTE, OR OFFER TO DISTRIBUTE  
28 THERMOSTATS UNLESS THE WHOLESALER:

29 (A) PARTICIPATES AS A COLLECTION SITE FOR OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THER-  
30 MOSTATS;

31 (B) USES THE CONTAINERS PROVIDED BY THE COLLECTION PROGRAM TO FACILI-  
32 TATE COLLECTION OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS BY CONTRACTORS;

33 (C) COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COLLECTION PROGRAM RELATED  
34 TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS; AND

35 (D) DISTRIBUTES TO ITS CUSTOMERS THE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH MATERIALS  
36 DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (E) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

37 9. (A) ANY PERSON OR CONTRACTOR WHO REPLACES A MERCURY-CONTAINING  
38 THERMOSTAT FROM A BUILDING SHALL DISPOSE OF SUCH THERMOSTAT PURSUANT TO  
39 SECTION 27-2105 OF THIS TITLE, OR DELIVER THE MERCURY-CONTAINING THERMO-  
40 STAT TO AN APPROPRIATE WHOLESALER OR RETAILER FOR COLLECTION.

41 (B) ANY PERSON OR CONTRACTOR WHO DEMOLISHES A BUILDING SHALL REMOVE  
42 ANY MERCURY-CONTAINING THERMOSTATS FROM THE BUILDING PRIOR TO DEMOLITION  
43 AND SHALL DISPOSE OF SUCH THERMOSTATS PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-2105 OF  
44 THIS TITLE OR SHALL DELIVER THE MERCURY-CONTAINING THERMOSTATS TO AN  
45 APPROPRIATE WHOLESALER OR RETAILER FOR COLLECTION.

46 (C) ANY PERSON OR CONTRACTOR WHO REPLACES A MERCURY-CONTAINING THERMO-  
47 STAT FROM ANY LOCATION IN THE STATE THAT IS PARTICIPATING IN AN ENERGY  
48 EFFICIENCY AND/OR WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM SUPPORTED OR ADMINISTERED IN  
49 WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, INSTRUMENTALITY, OR POLI-  
50 TICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OR CONDUCTED AS A RESULT OF ANY STATUTORY  
51 REQUIREMENT, SHALL DELIVER THE MERCURY-CONTAINING THERMOSTATS TO AN  
52 APPROPRIATE WHOLESALER OR RETAILER FOR COLLECTION.

53 10. A THERMOSTAT WHOLESALER OR THERMOSTAT RETAILER IS PROHIBITED FROM  
54 OFFERING, SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING ANY THERMOSTAT FOR FINAL SALE WHERE  
55 THE MANUFACTURER OF SUCH THERMOSTAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS  
56 SECTION.

1 11. NO LATER THAN JUNE FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, THE DEPARTMENT  
2 SHALL MAINTAIN ON ITS WEBSITE INFORMATION REGARDING THE COLLECTION AND  
3 PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN THE STATE.  
4 THE INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

5 (A) A DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS  
6 SECTION;

7 (B) A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE STATEWIDE  
8 COLLECTION GOALS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION; AND

9 (C) A LIST OF ALL THERMOSTAT WHOLESALERS, CONTRACTORS, QUALIFIED LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, AND THERMOSTAT RETAILERS PARTICIPATING IN THE  
11 PROGRAM AS COLLECTION SITES.

12 12. NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO, THE DEPART-  
13 MENT SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE  
14 REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COLLECTION PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED UNDER  
15 THIS SECTION, INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-SERVICE THERMOSTATS  
16 COLLECTED, HOW THE OUT-OF-SERVICE THERMOSTATS WERE MANAGED, AND AN ESTI-  
17 MATE OF THE NUMBER OF THERMOSTATS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION. THE  
18 DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THIS INFORMATION TO RECOMMEND WHETHER THE  
19 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHOULD BE EXTENDED, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER  
20 STATUTORY CHANGES. IN PREPARING THE REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT  
21 WITH MERCURY THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS, ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
22 MUNICIPAL RECYCLERS, AND OTHER INTEREST GROUPS.

23 13. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS IMPL-  
24 MENTED BY THE THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPART-  
25 MENT SHALL CONDUCT OUTREACH TO PROMOTE THE COLLECTION AND PROPER MANAGE-  
26 MENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS.

27 14. (A) ANY THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER THAT VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF  
28 THIS SECTION, OR ANY RULE ADOPTED BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH  
29 AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, OR THAT FAILS TO PERFORM ANY DUTY IMPOSED BY  
30 THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE  
31 HUNDRED DOLLARS PER DAY FOR EACH VIOLATION. EACH VIOLATION OF THIS  
32 SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE AND VIOLATION. THERE SHALL  
33 BE NO PENALTY UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURER'S FAILURE  
34 TO ACHIEVE THE STATEWIDE COLLECTION GOALS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION SIX  
35 OF THIS SECTION.

36 (B) ANY THERMOSTAT WHOLESALER, CONTRACTOR, OR OTHER PERSON THAT  
37 VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, OR ANY RULE ADOPTED BY THE NEW  
38 YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, OR THAT FAILS TO  
39 PERFORM ANY DUTY IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL  
40 PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER DAY FOR EACH VIOLATION.  
41 EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE AND  
42 VIOLATION.

43 (C) ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID  
44 OVER TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR DEPOSIT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
45 FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-S OF THE STATE FINANCE  
46 LAW.

47 S 5. Section 4 of the public service law is amended by adding a new  
48 subdivision 4 to read as follows:

49 4. THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THE COLLECTION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF  
50 OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS, GENERATED AS A RESULT OF ANY ENERGY  
51 EFFICIENCY PROGRAM ADMINISTERED, REVIEWED, OR OVERSEEN BY THE COMMIS-  
52 SION.

53 S 6. Section 1854 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a  
54 new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

55 20. TO ENSURE THE COLLECTION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE  
56 MERCURY THERMOSTATS, GENERATED AS A RESULT OF ANY GRANT OR LOAN PROVIDED

1 BY THE AUTHORITY. ANY ORGANIZATION, OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF SUCH ORGANIZA-  
2 TION, USING FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITY, SHALL NOT DISPOSE OF A  
3 MERCURY-ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCT IN SOLID WASTE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF  
4 SUCH A PRODUCT EXCEPT BY SEPARATED DELIVERY THEREOF TO A SOLID WASTE  
5 MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMITTED OR  
6 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE SEVEN OR NINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSER-  
7 VATION LAW. SUCH ORGANIZATION, OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF SUCH ORGANIZATION,  
8 USING FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITY, SHALL USE THE CONTAINERS  
9 PROVIDED BY THE COLLECTION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-2119 OF THE  
10 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW TO FACILITATE COLLECTION OF OUT-OF-SER-  
11 VICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS BY CONTRACTORS.

12 S 7. Subdivision 3 of section 1894 of the public authorities law is  
13 amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

14 (D) THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THERMOSTAT  
15 MANUFACTURERS WHO, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY WITH OTHER THERMOSTAT  
16 MANUFACTURERS, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR THE  
17 COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE  
18 MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 27-2119  
19 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, TO ENSURE THE COLLECTION AND  
20 PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS. ANY ORGANIZA-  
21 TION, OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF SUCH ORGANIZATION USING FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER  
22 THE PROGRAM, SHALL NOT DISPOSE OF A MERCURY-ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCT IN  
23 SOLID WASTE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF SUCH A PRODUCT EXCEPT BY SEPARATED  
24 DELIVERY THEREOF TO A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR HAZARDOUS WASTE  
25 MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMITTED OR AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE SEVEN OR  
26 NINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW. SUCH ORGANIZATION, OR  
27 SUBCONTRACTOR OF SUCH ORGANIZATION USING FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE  
28 PROGRAM, SHALL USE THE CONTAINERS PROVIDED BY THE COLLECTION PROGRAM  
29 PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-2119 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW TO  
30 FACILITATE COLLECTION OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS BY CONTRAC-  
31 TORS.

32 S 8. Section 1896 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a  
33 new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

34 6. QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN PAID FOR IN  
35 WHOLE OR IN PART WITH THE PROCEEDS OF A LOAN UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL  
36 ENSURE THE COLLECTION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY  
37 THERMOSTATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 27-2119 OF THE  
38 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW. ANY APPLICANT USING FINANCING PROVIDED  
39 UNDER THE PROGRAM, SHALL NOT DISPOSE OF A MERCURY-ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCT  
40 IN SOLID WASTE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF SUCH A PRODUCT EXCEPT BY SEPA-  
41 RATED DELIVERY THEREOF TO A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR HAZARDOUS  
42 WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMITTED OR AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE  
43 SEVEN OR NINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW. SUCH APPLICANT  
44 USING FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM, SHALL USE THE CONTAINERS  
45 PROVIDED BY THE COLLECTION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-2119 OF THE  
46 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW TO FACILITATE COLLECTION OF OUT-OF-SER-  
47 VICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS.

48 S 9. Subdivision 5 of section 97 of the social services law is amended  
49 by adding a new closing paragraph to read as follows:

50 PROVIDED HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT ANY CONTRACTOR  
51 CONDUCTING LOW-COST RESIDENTIAL WEATHERIZATION OR OTHER ENERGY-RELATED  
52 HOME REPAIR FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM, SHALL  
53 NOT DISPOSE OF A MERCURY-ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCT IN SOLID WASTE OR OTHER-  
54 WISE DISPOSE OF SUCH A PRODUCT EXCEPT BY SEPARATED DELIVERY THEREOF TO A  
55 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY  
56 PERMITTED OR AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE SEVEN OR NINE OF THE ENVIRON-

1 MENTAL CONSERVATION LAW. SUCH ORGANIZATION, OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF SUCH  
2 ORGANIZATION USING FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM, SHALL USE THE  
3 CONTAINERS PROVIDED BY THE COLLECTION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION  
4 27-2119 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW TO FACILITATE COLLECTION  
5 OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS BY CONTRACTORS.

6 S 10. The third undesignated paragraph of section 1005 of the public  
7 authorities law, as amended by chapter 287 of the laws of 2004, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 The authority is further authorized to construct and/or acquire and  
10 complete such base load generating, transmission and related facilities  
11 as it deems necessary or desirable to assist in maintaining an adequate  
12 and dependable supply of electricity by supplying power and energy for  
13 the metropolitan transportation authority, its subsidiary corporations,  
14 the New York city transit authority, the port authority of New York and  
15 New Jersey, the city of New York, the state of New York, the United  
16 States, other public corporations and electric corporations within the  
17 metropolitan area of the city of New York within the state of New York;  
18 provided, however, that (i) the acquisition of completed or partially  
19 completed facilities shall be after public hearing and shall be limited  
20 to facilities located in New York city or Westchester county and the  
21 energy and power generated by such facilities shall be used, to the  
22 extent feasible, for the benefit of electric consumers in that area,  
23 (ii) not more than one such generating facility shall be acquired in  
24 each of New York city and Westchester county, (iii) the price to be paid  
25 pursuant to any agreement entered into with respect to the purchase,  
26 appropriation or condemnation of any such completed or partially  
27 completed facility, as the case may be, shall be subject to the approval  
28 of the state comptroller and (iv) transmission facilities shall not be  
29 so acquired pursuant to this paragraph unless such acquisition is neces-  
30 sary to assure delivery of power and energy produced by any acquired  
31 generating facility. The authority is further authorized, to the extent  
32 it deems it necessary or desirable, to provide power and energy, as it  
33 may determine it to be available, for the use by the Niagara frontier  
34 transportation authority or its subsidiary corporation. The authority  
35 is authorized to make energy efficiency services, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT  
36 THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENSURE THE COLLECTION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-  
37 OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF SUCH PROGRAMS,  
38 clean energy technologies and, in the event that supplies of power and  
39 energy are determined to be available from the competitive market for  
40 this purpose, power and energy, available to public and nonpublic  
41 elementary and secondary schools throughout the state.

42 S 11. Section 14 of the public housing law is amended by adding a new  
43 subdivision 7 to read as follows:

44 7. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THERMOSTAT  
45 MANUFACTURERS WHO, INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY WITH OTHER THERMOSTAT  
46 MANUFACTURERS, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR THE  
47 COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE  
48 MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 27-2119  
49 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, TO ENSURE THE COLLECTION AND  
50 PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS, GENERATED AS  
51 DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF THE COMMISSIONERS ACTION. ANY ORGANIZATION,  
52 OR SUBCONTRACTOR OF SUCH ORGANIZATION USING FUNDING OR FINANCING  
53 PROVIDED BY A POWER GRANTED TO THE COMMISSIONER, SHALL NOT DISPOSE OF A  
54 MERCURY-ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCT IN SOLID WASTE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF  
55 SUCH A PRODUCT EXCEPT BY SEPARATED DELIVERY THEREOF TO A SOLID WASTE  
56 MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMITTED OR



1 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE SEVEN OR NINE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSER-  
2 VATION LAW.

3 S 12. Sections 1020-ii, 1020-jj and 1020-kk of the public authorities  
4 law, as renumbered by chapter 388 of the laws of 2011, are renumbered  
5 sections 1020-jj, 1020-kk and 1020-ll and a new section 1020-ii is added  
6 to read as follows:

7 S 1020-II. MERCURY THERMOSTAT COLLECTION. THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONSULT  
8 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS WHO, INDIVIDUALLY OR  
9 COLLECTIVELY WITH OTHER THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN  
10 A COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND PROPER  
11 MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY THERMOSTATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
12 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 27-2119 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, TO  
13 ENSURE THE COLLECTION AND PROPER MANAGEMENT OF OUT-OF-SERVICE MERCURY  
14 THERMOSTATS.

15 S 13. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
16 deemed repealed January 1, 2024.