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Introduced by M. of A. GRIFFIN, ENGLEBRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to eliminating the installation or covering of mercury-containing flooring in elementary and secondary schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 27-2119 to read as follows:

§ 27-2119. Phase-out of mercury-containing flooring.

1. Commencing a year after the calendar year in which this section takes effect, no public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school shall install a mercury-containing floor nor shall any school install a floor over a mercury-containing floor prior to removal of the mercury-containing floor.

2. The time weighted average mercury vapor exposure for an employee or student of a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school shall not exceed 750 ng/m (3).

3. For purposes of this section:

(a) "mercury-containing floor" shall mean a floor containing phenyl-mercuric-acetate catalyst.

(b) "time weighted average" shall mean an employee's average airborne exposure in an eight-hour work shift of a forty-hour work week or for a person under the age of eighteen shall mean sixteen hours or less per week averaged over the school year.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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