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An Act Concerning Mercury-added Button Cell Batteries

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1661-C, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 509, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

9. Button cell batteries. This subsection governs the sale of mercury-added button cell batteries.

A. After June 30, 2011, a person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute for promotional purposes a mercury-added button cell battery identified in this paragraph or a product that contains a mercury-added button cell battery identified in this paragraph:

(1) A zinc-air button cell battery;

(2) An alkaline manganese button cell battery; or

(3) A silver oxide button cell battery stamped with the designation SR357, SR364, SR371, SR377 or SR395; and

B. After January 1, 2015, a person may not sell or offer to sell or distribute for promotional purposes a silver oxide mercury-added button cell battery or a product that contains a silver oxide mercury-added button cell battery.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2165, sub-§6, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 808, §2, is amended to read:

D. An alkaline manganese battery manufactured on or after January 1, 1996 that contains any added mercury except that, ~~until June 30, 2011, any alkaline manganese battery resembling a button or coin in size and shape, may contain~~that contains no more than 25 milligrams of mercury may be sold.

Effective September 12, 2009