DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

February 17, 1999

This draft is based on 1997 Senate Bill 526, as affected by the introduced assembly amendment to 1997 Assembly Bill 935, which was a companion bill to Senate Bill 526.

When he requested this draft on Senator Burke's behalf, Keith Reopelle asked me to expand the draft to cover sources of mercury emissions other than utilities. As I told Keith, I will need more information to expand the draft in that way. Many of the provisions of the draft are focused on sources with boilers and on sources that generate electricity. Also, please not that the funding mechanism is currently an annual assessment on major utilities. If you want to expand this draft to cover other sources of mercury emissions, please review the draft and let me know how the draft should apply to those sources.

Please also review the draft, in particular proposed s. 285.495 (1), to determine whether any dates should be changed.

Note that this draft does not appropriate any funds for DNR. When you know the dollar amounts that you want to provide, please contact me and I will either redraft the proposal or draft an amendment, whichever is appropriate.

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