

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DNR 6/2/2009

LRB Number 09-0178/4	Introduction Number SB-200	Estimate Type Original
Description Products containing mercury and granting rule-making authority		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: This bill regulates the sale of certain products to which mercury has been added during formulation or manufacture (mercury-added products) by prohibiting the sale of these mercury-added products, with some exceptions. The bill also prohibits the use of mercury and mercury-added products in schools.

Fiscal Impact: This bill has no state or local government fiscal impact. The bill prohibits the sale and distribution of new mercury products for which equivalent non-mercury products are already available at similar cost. Therefore, consumers will see little if any costs resulting from this legislation. The only mercury-added products in use which will be eliminated under this proposed legislation is for mercury products in schools. These products would need to be collected and recycled. However, mercury-added products are already believed to have been eliminated from most Wisconsin classrooms.

Because mercury product substitution has already occurred for many of the products identified in the bill, the Department does not plan extensive additional public outreach for this legislation. Outreach will be accomplished by updating educational materials already provided to the public as part of the Department's ongoing mercury reduction activities. The Department is required to process requests for exemptions to this legislation, but such requests are expected to be few, if any. The need to adopt an administrative rule for processing exemptions does not seem likely at this time; although the authority for rule making provided in the legislation will be helpful if this assumption proves incorrect.

No adjustments to the Department organizational structure is necessary as a result of this legislation. No impact on Department information management systems will occur because of this legislation. No additional staff positions are needed to implement this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

By prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain mercury products, this bill should reduce the consumer, local government, and state government costs for mercury product waste management in the future.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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 Supplemental

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): None			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$	\$
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