



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 277

April 18, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives PLOUFF, BIES, SHILLING, J. WOOD, J. LEHMAN, HAHN, BOYLE, BLACK, MILLER, POCAN and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senators ROBSON, SCHULTZ, HANSEN, ROESSLER, CARPENTER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 100.275 of the statutes; **relating to:** the sale, offer for sale, or  
2     distribution of mercury fever thermometers and providing a penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law prohibits the sale of toys that contain elemental mercury. It also prohibits the sale of certain batteries containing mercury. This bill prohibits a manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer from selling, offering for sale, or giving away a mercury fever thermometer beginning on the first day of the seventh month after the bill is enacted. Electronic fever thermometers that include a battery containing mercury are generally exempt from the prohibition.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3           **SECTION 1.** 100.275 of the statutes is created to read:  
4           **100.275 Mercury fever thermometers.** (1) Except as provided in sub. (2),  
5           no manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer may sell, offer to sell, or give away a fever  
6           thermometer that contains mercury.

