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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 876, L.D. 1234, Bill, "An Act To Require Clear Warnings on Light Bulbs Containing Mercury"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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'Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission To Develop a Program That Supports the Recycling of Fluorescent Lamps'

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. Recycling and education program development. Resolved: That, recognizing that fluorescent lamps contain mercury, and that they are classified as universal waste and therefore require special handling as they are recycled, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission shall develop a program to support and expand the recycling of fluorescent lamps in the State, with a focus on household recycling. The program must be consistent with current state and federal rules. The program must also provide for the education of consumers about the mercury in the lamps, the need to recycle fluorescent lamps and funding options for recycling the lamps. The costs of undertaking the education effort must be addressed in the development of the program; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission shall, no later than January 1, 2008, report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources the details of the recycling and education program developed under section 1 and any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, for further action to address the need to recycle fluorescent lamps, with a focus on household recycling. The committee has the authority to submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

The amendment changes the bill to a resolve. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission to develop a program to support and expand the recycling of fluorescent lamps in the State, with a focus on household recycling. It requires the agencies to report on the program to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 1, 2008 and it authorizes the committee to submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1234

LR 287(02)

An Act To Require Clear Warnings on Light Bulbs Containing Mercury

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.