

HOUSE No. 02743

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to require producer responsibility for collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products.

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By Mr. Alicea of Charlton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2743) of Turner and others for legislation to require producer responsibility for collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to require producer responsibility for collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 21N the
2 following chapter:-

3 CHAPTER 21O.

4 RECYCLING OF DISCARDED ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS.

5 Section 1. As used in this chapter the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires
6 otherwise, have the following meanings:

7 "Additionally covered electronic product" means any of the following electronic products taken
8 out of service from a person in this State regardless of purchase location: printers; stand-alone
9 facsimile machine; video game console, video cassette recorder/player, digital video disk player,

10 or similar video device; zip drive, external hard drive, or similar storage device; or scanner. To
11 the extent allowed under federal and state laws and regulations, an additionally covered eligible
12 electronic product that is being collected, recycled, or processed for reuse is not considered to be
13 hazardous waste, household waste, solid waste, or special waste. The term does not include a
14 covered television product or a covered computer product.

15 “Collection”, the aggregation of covered electronic products from households, municipalities, the
16 Commonwealth and any other political subdivision, and schools, including the accumulation of
17 covered electronic products at handling facilities, transfer stations, and solid waste facilities,
18 including all the activities up to the time the covered electronic products are collected by a
19 processor.

20 “Collector”, a person accepting covered electronic products from households, municipalities, the
21 Commonwealth and any other political subdivision, and schools.

22 “Collector reimbursement”, the minimum per pound rate, as established by the department, paid
23 by a processor to a collector for all covered electronic products collected.

24 “Computer”, an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high speed data
25 processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, including a laptop or a
26 combined computer central processing unit and monitor; provided, however, that an automated
27 typewriter or typesetter, a portable handheld calculator, a portable digital assistant, or other
28 similar device shall not be considered a computer.

29 “Covered computer product” means a desktop or notebook computer, netbook, or
30 computer monitor, marketed and intended for use by a person, but does not include a covered
31 television device.

32 “Covered electronic product” means a covered computer product, a covered television product,
33 or additionally covered electronic product collected for reuse or recycling by collectors and
34 processors eligible for collector reimbursement and processor reimbursement through the
35 producer reimbursement system. “Covered electronic product,” “covered computer product”,
36 “covered television product,” or “additionally covered electronic product” do not include any of
37 the following:

38 (i) A covered electronic product that is a part of a motor vehicle or any component part of a
39 motor vehicle assembled by, or for, a vehicle manufacturer or franchised dealer, including
40 replacement parts for use in a motor vehicle.

41 (ii) A covered electronic product that is functionally or physically a part of, or connected to,
42 or integrated within equipment or a system designed and intended for use in an industrial,
43 governmental, commercial, research and development, or medical setting, including but not
44 limited to diagnostic, monitoring, control or medical products (as defined under the Federal
45 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act), or equipment used for security, sensing, monitoring, anti-
46 terrorism, emergency services purposes or equipment designed and intended primarily for use by
47 professional users.

48 (iii) A covered electronic product that is contained within a clothes washer, clothes dryer,
49 refrigerator, refrigerator and freezer, microwave oven, conventional oven or range, dishwasher,
50 room air conditioner, dehumidifier, air purifier, or exercise equipment.

51 (iv) Telephones of any type, including mobile phones.

52 (v) A personal digital assistant (PDA).

53 (vi) Global positioning systems (GPS).

54 “Covered Television Product” means any electronic product that contains a tuner that locks on to
55 a selected carrier frequency and is capable of receiving and displaying television or video
56 programming via broadcast, cable, or satellite, including, without limitation, any direct view or
57 projection television with a viewable screen of 9 inches or larger whose display technology is
58 based on cathode ray tube (CRT), plasma, liquid crystal (LCD), digital light processing (DLP),
59 liquid crystal on silicon (LCOS), silicon crystal reflective display (SXRD), light emitting diode
60 (LED), or similar technology marketed and intended for use by a person primarily for personal
61 purposes. The term does not include a covered computer product or additionally covered
62 electronic product.

63 “Department”, the department of environmental protection.

64 “Desktop computer” means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other
65 high-speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, and storage functions for
66 general purpose needs which are met through interaction with a number of software programs
67 contained therein, which is not designed to exclusively perform a specific type of limited or
68 specialized application. Human interface with a desktop computer is achieved through a
69 standalone keyboard, stand-alone monitor or other display unit, and a stand-alone mouse or other
70 pointing device, and is designed for a single user. A desktop computer has a main unit that is
71 intended to be persistently located in a single location, often on a desk or on the floor.

72 “Market share”, a television producer’s national sales of televisions expressed as a
73 percentage of the total of all television producers’ national sales based on the best available
74 public data.

75 “Monitor”, a video display device without a tuner that can display pictures and sound and is used
76 with a computer.

77 “Netbook” means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high-speed
78 data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions for general purpose
79 needs which are met through interaction with a number of software programs contained therein,
80 which is not designed to exclusively perform a specific type of limited or specialized application.
81 Human interface with a netbook is achieved through a keyboard, video display greater than 4" in
82 size, and mouse or other pointing device, all of which are contained within the construction of
83 the unit which comprises the netbook, and can be carried as one unit by an individual. Netbook
84 can use external, internal, or batteries for a power source. Netbook does not include a portable
85 handheld calculator, or a portable digital assistant or similar specialized device.

86 “Notebook computer” means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high-
87 speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions for general
88 purpose needs which are met through interaction with a number of software programs contained
89 therein, which is not designed to exclusively perform a specific type of limited or specialized
90 application. Human interface with a notebook computer is achieved through a keyboard, video
91 display greater than 4" in size, and mouse or other pointing device, all of which are contained
92 within the construction of the unit which comprises the notebook computer, and can be carried as
93 one unit by an individual. Supplemental standalone interface devices typically can also be
94 attached to the notebook computer. Notebook computers can use external, internal, or batteries
95 for a power source. Notebook computer does not include a portable handheld calculator, or a
96 portable digital assistant or similar specialized device. A notebook computer is sometimes
97 referred to as a laptop computer.

98 “Orphan waste”, a covered electronic product, the producer of which cannot be identified
99 or is no longer in business and has no successor in interest.

100 “Person”, a natural person, corporation, association, partnership, government body or
101 other legal entity.

102 “Printer” means desktop printers, multifunction printer copiers, and printer/fax
103 combinations taken out of service from a person that are designed to reside on a work surface,
104 and include various print technologies, including without limitation laser and LED
105 (electrographic), ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, and digital sublimation, and "multi-function" or
106 "all-in-one" devices that perform different tasks, including without limitation copying, scanning,
107 faxing, and printing. Printers do not include floor-standing printers, printers with optional floor
108 stand, point of sale (POS) receipt printers, household printers such as a calculator with printing
109 capabilities or label makers, or non-stand-alone printers that are embedded into products that are
110 not CEDs

111 “Processor”, a person registered with the department to receive electronic products from
112 collectors for the purpose of sorting, weighing and reusing or recycling or shipping offsite for
113 reuse or recycling in accordance with minimum performance requirements established by the
114 department.

115 “Processor reimbursement”, the minimum per pound rate, as established by the department, paid
116 by a producer to a processor for the producer’s covered electronic products and the producer’s
117 share of orphan waste as determined by the department.

118 “Producer”, any person who: (a) has a physical presence and legal assets in the United
119 States of America and (1) manufactures or manufactured a covered electronic product under its

120 own brand or label; (2) sells or sold under its own brand or label a covered electronic product
121 produced by other suppliers; or (3) owns a brand that it licenses or licensed to another person for
122 use on a covered electronic product; or (b) imports or imported a covered electronic product into
123 the United States that was manufactured by a person without a presence in the United States of
124 America; (c) sells at retail a covered electronic product acquired from an importer that is the
125 manufacturer as described in subsection (b) and elects to register in lieu of the importer; or (d)
126 assumes the responsibilities and obligations of a producer under this Act.

127 “Program year”, a full calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

128 “Recycling”, to recover materials or by-products which are: (a) reused; (b) used as an
129 ingredient or a feedstock in an industrial or manufacturing process to make a marketable product;
130 or (c) used in a particular function or application as an effective substitute for a commercial
131 product or commodity; provided, however, that recycle shall not mean to recover energy from
132 the combustion of a material.

133 “Retailer”, shall include, but shall not be limited to, a person or a producer that sells new
134 covered electronic products directly to a person through any means including, without limitation,
135 transactions conducted through sales outlets and catalogs, but not including wholesale
136 transactions with a distributor or other retailer.

137 “Return share”, a percentage of covered electronic products other than televisions
138 collected through processors as calculated by dividing the total weight of covered electronic
139 products other than televisions of that producer’s brands by the total weight of covered electronic
140 products other than televisions for all producers’ non-orphaned brands.

141 “Reuse”, any operation by which an electronic product or component of an electronic
142 product changes ownership but retains its form and function and is used for the same purpose for
143 which it was originally purchased.

144 “Sale” or “sell”, any transfer for valuable consideration of title including, but not limited
145 to, transactions conducted through sales outlets, or through catalogs, and excluding commercial
146 financing or leasing.

147 “Television”, any telecommunication system device that can broadcast or receive moving
148 pictures and sound over a distance and includes a television tuner or a display device peripheral
149 to a computer that contains a television tuner.

150 Section 2. No person shall engage in business as a producer unless he is registered with the
151 department pursuant to section 3.

152 Section 3. (a) Every producer seeking to engage in business in the commonwealth shall file an
153 application, accompanied by the producer registration fee, with the department requesting
154 registration as a producer. Said application shall be made on a form to be furnished by the
155 department, and shall include, without limitation, the following information: (1) the name and
156 contact information of the applicant; (2) the applicant's brand names of covered electronic
157 products, including all brand names sold in the commonwealth in the past, all brand names
158 currently being sold in the commonwealth, and all brand names for which the applicant is legally
159 responsible; (3) the method or methods of sale used in the commonwealth; (4) a baseline or a set
160 of baselines that describe any efforts to design covered electronic products for reuse or recycling
161 and goals and plans for further increasing design for reuse and recycling; and (5) a description of
162 any collection, consolidation or processing services utilized to recover, reuse, or recycle the

163 applicant's products. The department shall, within 60 days, review the application for
164 registration. If said application satisfies the requirements of this section, the department shall
165 register said applicant as a producer and shall forthwith mail to him a certificate to that effect. If
166 said application fails to satisfy the requirements of this section the producer shall, within 30
167 days, file with the department a revised application addressing the requirements noted by the
168 department.

169 (b) The department may keep information submitted pursuant to this section confidential as
170 provided by section 10 of chapter 66 of the General Laws. The department will publish on its
171 website the following information: (1) the name and contact information of the producer
172 submitting the application and (2) the producer's brand names of covered electronic products.

173 Section 4. (a) Registered producers shall register with the department for a specified registration
174 period. Such applications shall be submitted to the department by the date specified by the
175 department together with a renewal fee as shall be established by the department. After
176 verification of the facts stated on the application, the department shall issue a registration. Any
177 holder of a registration who fails to file a renewal application within 60 days after notification by
178 the department that his registration has expired shall, prior to engaging in business as a producer
179 within the commonwealth, be required to register anew and pay a late fee in addition to said
180 renewal fee.

181 (b) The department shall use twelve months as a specified registration period for the first three
182 registration periods. After three registration periods, the department may allow producers to
183 register for a period not to exceed thirty-six months.

184 Section 5. (a) Producers of electronic products shall reimburse collectors for their share of
185 product received at the processor.

186 (b) A producer who has sold or who sells covered electronic products other than
187 televisions in the commonwealth shall bear the financial responsibility for the collection,
188 transportation, and reuse or recycling of said covered electronic products received by processors,
189 including their return share of orphan waste as determined by the department.

190 (c) A producer of televisions shall have the financial responsibility for the collection,
191 transportation and reuse or recycling of televisions discarded in the commonwealth, based on the
192 television manufacturer's market share.

193 (d) A producer may also collect its covered electronic products for reuse or recycling by
194 establishing a collection program, either individually or in cooperation with other producers, to
195 collect these discarded products as established in this chapter. A producer establishing an
196 independent collection program for reuse or recycling either individually or in cooperation with
197 other producers shall recover 1 or more electronic products. A producer establishing an
198 independent recycling program either individually or in cooperation with other producers shall
199 meet either of the following criteria to be able to continue the program. In order for an
200 independent recycling program to maintain good standing with the department, the program must
201 either of the following:

202 (i) include convenient, staffed collection sites in not less than eight counties in the
203 commonwealth, at least one collection site within every municipality within the commonwealth
204 with a population of at least 50,000, and be open for collections for no less than 160 hours per
205 year. A collection site for a county may be the same as a collection site for a city in the county.

206 (ii) collect no less than 100,000 pounds, or higher as determined by the
207 department, of covered electronic products cumulatively from all collections sites or collection
208 methods.

209 The department shall provide a report no later than December 31, 2011, to the Joint Committee
210 on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture and the House and Senate Committees on
211 Ways and Means on independent collection programs. This report shall include, but not be
212 limited to, the effectiveness of the independent collection program requirements, independent
213 collection program compliance, and collection rates of independent programs.

214 A producer establishing an independent recycling program either individually or in cooperation
215 with other producers will register as a collector pursuant to section 7 of this chapter or a
216 processor pursuant to section 10 of this chapter; however, an additional registration fee will not
217 be required.

218 A producer establishing an independent recycling program either individually or in cooperation
219 with other producers shall provide information specified by the department describing the
220 locations for the collection or return of the producer's product, including information on
221 opportunities and locations for donation of the product for reuse via, without limitation: (1) a
222 toll-free telephone number; (2) a website; (3) information included in or on the packaging; or (4)
223 written information provided at the point of sale.

224 A producer establishing an independent collection program shall submit an annual report to
225 department that includes at a minimum the following information for the previous program year
226 as well as any additional information required by the department:

227 distinguishing the total weight of each type of covered electronic product collected for recycling;

228 detailing the total number of items by each type of covered electronic product collected for reuse
229 or refurbishment;

230 a description of the plan's education, outreach, or other marketing efforts to promote collection
231 of covered electronic products;

232 a description of management practices to transport and recycle discarded covered electronic
233 products; and

234 any additional information deemed necessary by the department.

235 A producer establishing an independent collection program for reuse or recycling either
236 individually or in cooperation with other producers shall weigh the covered electronic products
237 collected and shall annually submit a statement certifying to the department the total weight of
238 electronic products received and the weight of orphan waste received in the preceding program
239 year.

240 The department, in determining the producer's return share, shall take into account electronic
241 products voluntarily collected by the producer.

242 A producer establishing an independent collection program for reuse or recycling either
243 individually or in cooperation with other producers shall not charge a fee for collecting,
244 transporting or recycling electronic products.

245 A producer establishing an independent television recycling program either individually or in
246 cooperation with other producers that collects in excess of its market share or cumulative market
247 share allocation assigned by the Department will receive a one pound credit for each pound by
248 which they exceed the allocation. This credit may be used to count toward the market share

249 allocation during the following three program years or may be transferred for consideration to
250 another independent collection program for another producer to count toward its market share
251 allocation during the next three program years. The credits earned under this clause may only
252 be used toward no more than twenty-five percent of a producer's market share allocation during
253 any given program year. The total number of pounds processed by each producer, including
254 credits that would be carried over, must be included in the report to the Department and used by
255 the Department in calculating the target for the following program year.

256 Section 6. No person shall engage in business as a collector unless he is registered with the
257 department pursuant to section 7.

258 Section 7. (a) Every collector seeking to engage in business in the commonwealth shall file an
259 application, accompanied by the collector registration fee, with the department requesting
260 registration as a collector. Said application shall be made on a form to be furnished by the
261 department, and shall include, without limitation, the following information: (1) the name; (2)
262 the address; (3) the telephone number; and (4) the location of the business. The department shall,
263 within 60 days, review the application for registration. If said application satisfies the
264 requirements of this section, the department shall register said applicant as a collector and shall
265 forthwith mail to him a certificate to that effect. If said application fails to satisfy the
266 requirements of this section the collector shall, within 30 days, file with the department a revised
267 application addressing the requirements noted by the department.

268 (b) If a municipality applies to be a collector under this statute, the statute will apply to
269 them except no registration or renewal fee will be required.

270 (c) A collector shall: (1) contract with a registered processor or processors to receive the
271 covered electronic products collected by the collector; (2) make information available to the
272 public that describes where and how to return, recycle, and dispose of covered electronic
273 products; (3) accept all covered electronic products and ensure that said products are transported
274 by or delivered to a registered processor; and (4) demonstrate compliance with the department
275 rules and regulations and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Responsible
276 Recycling Guidelines for Materials Management as issued and available on the United States
277 Environmental Protection Agency's Internet website in addition to any other requirements
278 mandated by federal or state law. A collector may limit the number of covered electronic
279 products delivered at a given time by any customer to no more than 5.

280 (d) A collector shall not: (1) charge a fee to persons for the collection or recycling of
281 covered electronic products; or (2) knowingly accept covered electronic products imported into
282 the commonwealth for the purpose of recycling or discard.

283 (e) Only an entity registered as a collector with the department may act as a collector in a
284 plan. All covered electronic products received by a registered collector must be submitted to a
285 plan. Fully functioning computers that are received by a registered collector in working order
286 may be sold or donated as whole products by the collector for reuse. Computers that require
287 repair to make them a fully functioning unit may only be repaired on-site at the collector's place
288 of business by the registered collector for reuse according to its original purpose.

289 (f) Registered collectors may use whole parts amassed from collected computers or new
290 parts for making repairs as long as there is a part-for-part exchange with nonfunctioning
291 computers submitted to a plan.

292 (g) Registered collectors may not include computers that are dispersed for reuse in the
293 weight totals for compensation by the plan.

294 (h) Registered collectors must maintain a record of computers sold or donated by the
295 collector for a period of three years.

296 (i) Registered collectors must display a notice at the point of collection that computers
297 received by the collector may be repaired and sold or donated as a fully functioning computer
298 rather than submitted to a processor for recycling

299 (j) The department may conduct site visits of all registered collectors that reuse or
300 refurbish computers and who have an agreement with the department, collector, or producer to
301 provide collection services. The department may, for cause, review records and conduct
302 investigations regarding a violation of this section, including but not limited to Section 14 (d) or
303 (e).

304 Section 8. Collectors shall register with the department every 3 years. Such applications shall be
305 submitted to the department by the date specified by the department together with a renewal fee
306 as shall be established by the department. After verification of the facts stated on the application,
307 the department shall issue a registration, which shall expire in 3 years. Any holder of a
308 registration who fails to file a renewal application within 60 days after notification by the
309 department that his registration has expired shall, prior to engaging in business as a collector
310 within the commonwealth, be required to register anew and pay a late fee in addition to said
311 renewal fee.

312 Section 9. No person shall engage in business as a processor unless he is registered with the
313 department pursuant to section 10.

314 Section 10. (a) Every processor seeking to engage in business in the commonwealth shall file an
315 application, accompanied by appropriate processor registration fee, with the department
316 requesting registration as a processor. Said application shall be made on a form to be furnished
317 by the department, and shall include, without limitation, the following information: (1) the name;
318 (2) the address; (3) the telephone number; and (4) the location of the business of the processor's
319 business. The department shall, within 60 days, review the application for registration. If said
320 application satisfies the requirements of this section, the department shall register said applicant
321 as a processor and shall forthwith mail to him a certificate to that effect. If said application fails
322 to satisfy the requirements of this section the processor shall, within 30 days, file with the
323 department a revised application addressing the requirements noted by the department.

324 (b) A processor shall: (1) be responsible for sorting all covered electronic products
325 received from a participating collector with whom the processor has a contract; (2) weigh the
326 total amount of covered electronic products received from a participating collector and reimburse
327 said collector; provided, however, that said collector reimbursement shall be due within 30 days
328 of pick-up; (3) sort, by producer, and weigh all covered electronic products other than televisions
329 received from collectors; (4) weigh all televisions received from collectors; (5) either repair,
330 refurbish, remanufacture, or recycle on-site or ship covered electronic products offsite for reuse
331 or recycling in accordance with the minimum performance requirements established by the
332 department; (6) demonstrate compliance with the department rules and regulations and the
333 United States Environmental Protection Agency's Responsible Recycling Guidelines for
334 Materials Management as issued and available on the United States Environmental Protection
335 Agency's Internet website in addition to any other requirements mandated by federal or state
336 law; (7) submit an invoice for producer reimbursement to each producers whose waste the

337 processor has handled; and (8) annually submit a report to the department which shall include
338 without limitation: (i) the total aggregate weight of covered electronic products processed
339 pursuant to this chapter in the previous program year; (ii) the weight, differentiated by producer,
340 of covered electronic products processed pursuant to this chapter in the previous program year;
341 (iii) the total amount of orphan waste processed pursuant to this chapter in the previous program
342 year; and (iv) any other information to help track, monitor and evaluate the management of
343 covered electronic products, as determined by the department.

344 (c) A processor shall not charge a fee for accepting, sorting, weighing, processing for
345 reuse or recycling a covered electronic product for which the processor receives compensation
346 under the provisions of this section.

347 Section 11. Processors shall register with the department every 3 years. Such application shall be
348 submitted to the department by the date specified by the department together with a renewal fee
349 as shall be established by the department. After verification of the facts stated on the application,
350 the department shall issue a registration, which shall expire in 3 years. Any holder of a
351 registration who fails to file a renewal application within 60 days after notification by the
352 department that his registration has expired shall, prior to engaging in business as a processor
353 within the commonwealth, be required to register anew and pay a late fee in addition to said
354 renewal fee.

355 Section 12. The fee for a collector registration, a processor registration and a producer
356 registration, or for any annual renewal thereof, shall be determined every three years by the
357 department, but in no case shall any registration or renewal fee exceed \$5000.

358 Section 13. (a) The department shall annually: (1) determine the return share for each program
359 year for each producer of electronic products other than televisions by dividing the weight of
360 covered electronic products identified for each producer by the total weight of covered electronic
361 products identified for all producers; provided further, that said calculation shall be based on the
362 reports generated by processors of covered electronic products in the commonwealth; provided
363 further, that for the first program year, the return share of covered electronic products identified
364 for each producer shall be based on the best available public return share data from the United
365 States, including data from other states, for covered electronic products from persons; provided
366 further, that for the second and subsequent program years, the return share of covered electronic
367 products identified for each producer shall be based on the previous year's reported data as
368 described herein; and provided further, that the department shall use the return share for each
369 producer to allocate financial responsibility for orphan waste; (2) determine, based on each
370 producer's return share, each producer's share of responsibility for the orphan waste collected in
371 the commonwealth; provided, however, that each producer's return share of orphan waste shall
372 be equivalent to its percentage of return share for non-orphan covered electronic products,
373 multiplied by the total amount of orphan waste collected in the program year; and provided
374 further, that the department, in determining the producer's orphan waste share, may take into
375 account electronic products, including orphan waste, voluntarily collected by the producer; (3)
376 determine the market share allocation for each television producer by determining the total
377 weight of televisions recycled in the previous year, multiplied by the market share for that
378 producer; provided, however, that in the first program year, the market share identified for each
379 television producer shall be based on the best available data regarding the total number of
380 televisions sold in the commonwealth for the previous calendar year; (4) maintain a list of

381 producers registered pursuant to this chapter; and (5) conduct periodic audits of processors and
382 collectors at a frequency determined by the department, to assure accuracy of reporting and
383 billing.

384 (b) The department shall adopt and may from time to time amend rules and regulations, and the
385 commissioner may issue orders, to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Said regulations shall
386 include, but not be limited to, establishing as a maximum number not higher than twelve of the
387 number of times a year payment from producers to collectors and processors be made,
388 adjudicatory procedures for denied revised applications and minimum performance requirements
389 for collection and processing of covered electronic products. Any person, including any political
390 subdivision of the commonwealth who violates this chapter, or any order issued pursuant thereto,
391 or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall be subject to a fine of not more than
392 twenty-five thousand dollars for each such violation. Each day each such violation occurs or
393 continues shall be deemed a separate offense. These penalties shall be in addition to any other
394 penalties that may be prescribed by law.

395 (c) Beginning one year after this act takes effect and annually thereafter, the department shall
396 submit a report to the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Committee on Ways
397 and Means, and the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture that
398 includes information regarding the previous program year. The information shall include, but is
399 not limited to, (1) the total administrative cost to the state government, (2) the total
400 administrative cost to local governments, (3) a description of the incentive for manufacturer
401 collection, and (4) a description of the education, outreach, or other marketing efforts conducted
402 by the state or local governments to promote collection of covered electronic products.

403 Section 14. (a) No person shall sell covered electronic products from producers not registered
404 pursuant to this chapter. A retailer shall not be in violation of this subsection if, at time of
405 purchase from producer, the producer was not in violation of this Chapter. This subsection shall
406 not apply to used electronic products that are reused.

407 (b) No person shall offer for sale an electronic product unless a visible, permanent label
408 clearly identifying the producer of that product is affixed to said electronic product.

409 (c) All retailers shall provide information describing where and how to recycle an
410 electronic product provided by the producer pursuant to this act.

411 (d) No person shall knowingly dispose of any electronic product except as provided in
412 this chapter.

413 (e) No person shall import a covered electronic product into the commonwealth with the
414 intent of recycling or discarding said product; provided further, that any covered electronic
415 product so imported shall not be eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of this chapter.

416 Section 15. The department shall be charged with the enforcement of sections 1 to 14, inclusive.
417 If any person refuses to obey a decision of the department the attorney general shall, upon
418 request of the department, file a petition for the enforcement of such decision in the superior
419 court for Suffolk County or for the county in which the defendant resides or has a place of
420 business. After hearing, the court shall order the enforcement of such decision or any part
421 thereof, if legally and properly made by the department.

422 Section 16. The department may participate in the establishment of a regional multistate
423 organization or compact to assist in carrying out the requirements of this chapter.

424 Section 17. (a) There shall be in the Department an advisory commission for electronic waste.
425 The commission shall consist of one individual representing covered television product
426 manufacturers, one individual representing processors of covered electronic products, one
427 individual representing a trade association of covered computer product manufacturers or
428 covered television product manufacturers, the Senate chair of the Joint Committee on
429 Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture or his designee, the House chair of the Joint
430 Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture or his designee, one individual
431 representing covered computer manufacturers, one individual representing retailers of covered
432 electronic products, one individual representing a statewide conservation organization, and the
433 Commissioner of the Department or his designee.

434 (b) Appointments to the advisory commission shall be made not later than 30 days after the
435 effective date of this statute. If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the vacancy shall be filled
436 within 30 days.

437 (c) Said advisory commission shall have the following duties: (1) It shall advise the Department
438 on policy and program development under this section, specifically regarding performance
439 standards; (2) It shall review the registration and renewal fees for producers, collectors and
440 processors, and shall make recommendations to the commissioner relative thereto; and (3) It
441 shall make recommendations to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and
442 Agriculture on recommendations of amending the definition of electronic product under this
443 statute to cover other electronic products, including but not limited to medical equipment.

444 (d) The advisory commission shall meet at least four times a year and shall convene
445 special meetings at the call of the Commissioner. A written record of all meetings of the

446 committee shall be maintained by the Department. Members of the commission shall serve
447 without compensation. The members of the commission representing the Department or the
448 General Court shall serve without additional compensation.

449 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and unless otherwise
450 specified herein, this act shall take effect January 1, 2012.