



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

81st Legislature Regular Session

Texas Product Stewardship Council

July 15, 2009



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- Electronic Waste Bill
- Mercury-Added Thermostats
- Mercury Containing Lights
- Medical Waste



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- HB 821 Leibowitz
- SB 2326 Hegar
- SB 761 Watson
- HB 1189 Bonnen
- HB 3826 Leibowitz
- HB 2826 Naishtat
- HB 1355 Guillen

Several Electronic Waste Bills were introduced in the 81st session.

HB 821 surfaced as the overarching bill with bipartisan support from the House and Senate.



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**Companion Bills
to HB 821:
SB 761
SB 2326
HB 3862**



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HB 821 Author: Leibowitz | et al.

Caption: Relating to a program for the recycling of electronic equipment of consumers in this state; providing administrative penalties.

Vetoed by Governor!



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HB 2826

Author: Naishtat

Relating to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and retailer responsibility regarding recycling of computer equipment.

 *Left pending in Natural Resources Committee 5/22/09..*

Notes:

Passed through Environmental Regulation Committee with 8 Ayes

Sponsor: Shapleigh



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HB 4056

Author: Allen

Relating to the establishment of a program for the collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of mercury-added thermostats.

→ Left pending in in Calendars 5/12/09



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HB 3422

Author: Burnam | et al.

Relating to the establishment of a program for the collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of mercury-containing lights.

→ Left pending in committee in Environmental Regulation



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HB 3753

Author: Howard, Donna

Relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the methods for safely handling and disposing of certain medical waste.

Withdrawn from schedule 3/25/09.

****Companion Bill****



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SB 1757

Author: Watson, Kirk

Relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of methods for disposing of unused pharmaceuticals so that they do not enter a wastewater system.

*****Signed by Governor and Effective Immediately*****



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What is in store for next session?

How can TxPSC Members Prepare?