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## AN ACT

- Establishing a recycling program for certain covered devices; imposing duties on manufacturers and retailers of certain covered devices; providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection and for enforcement; and prescribing penalties.
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- 14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 15 hereby enacts as follows:
- 16 CHAPTER 1
- 17 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS
- 18 Section 101. Short title.
- 19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Covered
- 20 Device Recycling Act.
- 21 Section 102. Definitions.
- The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 23 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 24 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 25 "Brand." Symbols, words or marks that identify a covered
- 26 device, rather than any of its components.
- 27 "Computer." A desktop or notebook computer. The term does
- 28 not include an automated typewriter, electronic printer,
- 29 professional workstation, server, mobile telephone, portable
- 30 handheld calculator, portable digital assistant, MP3 player or

- 1 other similar device. The term also does not include a computer
- 2 peripheral commonly known as a cable, mouse or keyboard.
- 3 "Computer manufacturer." A person:
- 4 (1) who manufactures or manufactured covered computer
- 5 devices under a brand that it owns or owned or is or was
- 6 licensed to use, other than a license to manufacture covered
- 7 devices for delivery exclusively to or at the order of the
- 8 licensor:
- 9 (2) who sells or sold covered devices manufactured by
- 10 others under a brand that the seller owns or owned or is or
- 11 was licensed to use, other than a license to manufacture
- 12 covered devices for delivery exclusively to or at the order
- of the licensor; or
- 14 (3) for whose account covered devices were manufactured
- 15 outside the United States and are or were imported into the
- 16 United States, but this paragraph shall not apply if, at the
- 17 time such covered devices are or were imported into the
- 18 United States, another person has offered to collect the
- 19 covered devices under a recovery plan pursuant to section
- 20 5(c).
- 21 This term does not mean any person who both owns and licenses
- 22 the brand appearing on the covered computer device and has not
- 23 also manufactured or sold covered computer devices.
- 24 "Consumer." An occupant of a single detached dwelling unit
- 25 or a single unit of a multiple dwelling unit who has used a
- 26 covered device primarily for personal or home business use.
- "Covered computer device." A desktop or notebook computer or
- 28 computer monitor, marketed and intended for use by a consumer.
- 29 The term does not include a covered television device.
- 30 "Covered device." A covered computer device and covered

- 1 television device marketed and intended for use by a consumer.
- 2 The term does not include:
- 3 (1) a device that is a part of a motor vehicle or any
- 4 component part of a motor vehicle assembled by or for a
- 5 vehicle manufacturer or franchised dealer, including
- 6 replacement parts for use in a motor vehicle;
- 7 (2) a device that is functionally or physically a part
- 8 of or connected to or integrated within equipment or a system
- 9 designed and intended for use in an industrial, governmental,
- 10 commercial, research and development or medical setting,
- including, but not limited to, diagnostic, monitoring,
- 12 control or medical products as defined under the Federal
- 13 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. § 301
- 14 et seq.), or equipment used for security, sensing,
- monitoring, antiterrorism, emergency services purposes or
- equipment designed and intended primarily for use by
- 17 professional users;
- 18 (3) a device that is contained within a clothes washer,
- 19 clothes dryer, refrigerator, refrigerator and freezer,
- 20 microwave oven, conventional oven or range, dishwasher, room
- 21 air conditioner, dehumidifier, air purifier or exercise
- 22 equipment; or
- 23 (4) any of the following:
- 24 (i) Telephone of any type, including a mobile phone.
- 25 (ii) Personal digital assistant.
- 26 (iii) Global positioning system.
- 27 "Covered television device." An electronic device that
- 28 contains a tuner that locks on to a selected carrier frequency
- 29 and is capable of receiving and displaying television or video
- 30 programming via broadcast, cable or satellite, including,

- 1 without limitation, any direct view or projection television
- 2 with a viewable screen of four inches or larger whose display
- 3 technology is based on cathode ray tube, plasma, liquid crystal,
- 4 digital light processing, liquid crystal on silicon, silicon
- 5 crystal reflective display, light emitting diode or similar
- 6 technology marketed and intended for use by a consumer primarily
- 7 for personal purposes. The term does not include a covered
- 8 computer device.
- 9 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
- 10 the Commonwealth.
- "Desktop computer." An electronic, magnetic, optical,
- 12 electrochemical or other high-speed data processing device
- 13 which:
- 14 (1) Performs logical, arithmetic and storage functions
- for general purpose needs which are met through interaction
- with a number of software programs contained in the device.
- 17 (2) Is not designed to exclusively perform a specific
- 18 type of limited or specialized application.
- 19 (3) Achieves human interface through a stand-alone
- 20 keyboard, stand-alone monitor or other display unit and a
- 21 stand-alone mouse or other pointing device and is designed
- for a single user.
- 23 (4) Has a main unit that is intended to be persistently
- located in a single location, often on a desk or on the
- 25 floor.
- 26 "Market share." A television manufacturer's prior year's
- 27 sales of covered television devices, in units, expressed as a
- 28 percentage of the total of all television manufacturers' prior
- 29 year sales, in units, for all covered television devices.
- "New covered device." A covered device or a covered

- 1 television device that is manufactured after the effective date
- 2 of this section.
- 3 "Notebook computer." An electronic, magnetic, optical,
- 4 electrochemical or other high-speed data processing device
- 5 which:
- 6 (1) Performs logical, arithmetic or storage functions
- 7 for general purpose needs which are met through interaction
- 8 with a number of software programs contained in the device.
- 9 (2) Is not designed to exclusively perform a specific
- 10 type of limited or specialized application.
- 11 (3) Achieves human interface through a keyboard, video
- display greater than four inches in size and mouse or other
- pointing device, all of which are contained within the
- construction of the unit which comprises the notebook
- 15 computer.
- 16 (4) Can be carried as one unit by an individual.
- 17 (5) May include a supplemental stand-alone interface
- device.
- 19 (6) May use external, internal or batteries for a power
- 20 source.
- 21 The term does not include a portable handheld calculator,
- 22 portable digital assistant or similar specialized device.
- "Obligated share." The proportion of covered computer
- 24 devices that reflects a manufacturer's returns share or covered
- 25 television devices that reflects a manufacturer's market share
- 26 responsibility under this act.
- "Orphan device." A covered computer device for which no
- 28 manufacturer may be identified.
- Person." An individual, trust, firm, joint stock company,
- 30 business concern, corporation, government agency, partnership,

- 1 limited liability company or association.
- 2 "Program year." A full calendar year beginning on or after
- 3 January 1, 2011.
- 4 "Purchase." The taking by sale of title in exchange for
- 5 consideration.
- 6 "Recycling." A process by which covered devices that would
- 7 otherwise become solid waste or hazardous waste are collected,
- 8 transported, separated and processed, including disassembling,
- 9 dismantling or shredding, to be returned to use in the form of
- 10 raw materials or products in accordance with environmental
- 11 standards established by the Department of Environmental
- 12 Protection.
- "Retail sales." The sale of covered devices through sales
- 14 outlets, via the Internet, mail order or other means, regardless
- 15 of whether the retailer has a physical presence within this
- 16 Commonwealth.
- 17 "Retailer." A person who offers for sale, other than for
- 18 resale by the purchaser, new covered devices in this
- 19 Commonwealth by any means, including, but not limited to, sales
- 20 outlets, catalogs or the Internet.
- 21 "Return share." The proportion of covered computer devices
- 22 for which an individual manufacturer is responsible to collect,
- 23 transport and recycle.
- 24 "Return share in weight." The total weight of covered
- 25 computer devices for which a manufacturer is responsible to
- 26 collect, transport and recycle.
- "Sale" or "sell." A transfer for consideration of title,
- 28 including, but not limited to, a transaction conducted through a
- 29 sales outlet, catalog, the Internet or any other similar
- 30 electronic means. The term does not include a lease.

- 1 "Secretary." The Secretary of Environmental Protection of
- 2 the Commonwealth.
- 3 "Television manufacturer." A person who:
- manufactures covered television devices under a 4 brand that it licenses or owns for sale in this Commonwealth 5 but does not include a person who manufactures, sells or 6 resells a television device under a brand it licenses, the 7
- licensor or brand owner of the brand; 8
- 9 manufactures covered television devices without 10 affixing a brand for sale in this Commonwealth;
- (3) resells into this Commonwealth a covered television 11 12 device under a brand it owns or licenses produced by other 13 suppliers, including a retail establishment that sells 14 covered television devices under a brand the retailer owns or licenses but does not include a person who manufactures, 15 sells or resells a television device under a brand it 16 17 licenses, the licensor or brand owner of the brand;
- (4) imports into the United States or exports from the 19 United States covered television devices for sale in this 20 Commonwealth;
  - (5) sells at retail a covered television device acquired from an importer that is the manufacturer as described in paragraph (4) and elects to register in lieu of the importer as the manufacturer for those products;
- 25 (6) manufactures covered television devices, supplies 26 them to any person or persons within a distribution network 27 that includes wholesalers or retailers in this Commonwealth and benefits from the sale in this Commonwealth of those 28 29 covered television devices through such distribution network;

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- 1 (7) assumes the responsibilities and obligations of a
- 2 television manufacturer under this act.
- 3 CHAPTER 3
- 4 DUTIES OF MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS
- 5 Section 301. Applicability.
- 6 The collection, transportation and recycling provisions of
- 7 this act shall apply only to covered devices used by and
- 8 collected from a consumer in this Commonwealth.
- 9 Section 302. Sales prohibition.
- 10 (a) General rule. -- No manufacturer or retailer may sell or
- 11 offer for sale in this Commonwealth a new covered device unless
- 12 the brand is included on the list of registered manufacturers
- 13 and their brands maintained by the department pursuant to
- 14 subsection (b).
- 15 (b) List to be maintained by department. -- Beginning April 1,
- 16 2010, the department shall maintain a list of each registered
- 17 manufacturer, the brands of all covered devices reported in each
- 18 manufacturer's registration and the brands of covered devices
- 19 for which no manufacturer has registered and post the list on
- 20 the department's Internet website.
- 21 (c) Duty of retailers to consult list.--
- 22 (1) A retailer of new covered devices to be offered for
- 23 sale in or into this Commonwealth shall consult the list
- 24 prior to selling new covered devices in this Commonwealth.
- 25 (2) A retailer shall be considered to have complied with
- 26 paragraph (1) if, on the date that the new covered device was
- 27 ordered from the retailer, the brand was on the list of
- registered manufacturers and is posted on the Internet
- website identified in subsection (b).
- 30 Section 303. Labeling requirement.

- 1 On or after the effective date of this section, no
- 2 manufacturer or retailer may sell or offer for sale in this
- 3 Commonwealth a new covered device unless it is labeled with the
- 4 manufacturer's name and brand whether owned or licensed.
- 5 Section 304. Registration.
- 6 (a) Manufacturers registration. --
- 7 (1) A manufacturer of new covered devices offered for 8 sale in this Commonwealth shall register with the department 9 by January 30, 2011, and pay a registration fee of \$5,000.
- 10 (2) After January 30, 2011, if a manufacturer has not
  11 previously filed a registration, the manufacturer shall file
  12 a registration with the department prior to any offer for
  13 sale or delivery in this Commonwealth of the manufacturer's
  14 new covered devices and shall pay to the department a
  15 registration fee of \$5,000.
- A registered manufacturer shall submit an annual 16 17 renewal of its registration to the department and pay to the 18 department a registration fee of \$5,000 by January 1 of each 19 program year. The registration and each annual renewal shall 20 include a list of all brands the manufacturer is using on its 21 covered devices regardless of whether the manufacturer owns 22 or licenses the brand, and shall be effective upon receipt by 23 the department.
- 24 (b) Reporting by computer manufacturers.--By April 1, 2010,
- 25 the department shall establish a procedure for an auditable,
- 26 statistically significant sampling of covered computer devices
- 27 collected from consumers in this Commonwealth and an audit
- 28 procedure for the sampling results. The results of the sampling
- 29 shall consist of a list of brands of covered computer devices
- 30 and the weight of covered computer devices of each brand. Prior

- 1 to final adoption of the sampling procedure, the department
- 2 shall notify the public, including all registered manufacturers
- 3 selling computer devices, of the availability of the proposed
- 4 sampling procedure, shall provide a 30-day public comment period
- 5 and shall prepare and make available to the public a written
- 6 response to public comments received during the public comment
- 7 period.
- 8 (c) Reporting by television manufacturers.--
- 9 (1) In addition to reporting all brands under which its
- 10 covered television devices are offered for sale, regardless
- of whether the television manufacturer owns or licenses the
- brand, the television manufacturer's annual report shall
- include the market share of all new covered television
- devices sold in this Commonwealth in the previous program
- 15 year. The market share for a television manufacturer shall be
- determined using sales data submitted to the manufacturer or
- 17 the department by retailers pursuant to section 306(b).
- 18 (2) During the first program year after the effective
- date of this section registered television manufacturers
- shall collect data on the total weight of new covered
- 21 televisions sold during that year. The television
- 22 manufacturer's program obligations for the second and
- subsequent program years shall be based upon the television
- 24 manufacturer's total weight in pounds multiplied by the
- 25 television manufacturer's market share in the previous
- 26 program year.
- 27 (3) When a manufacturer or group of manufacturers
- 28 conducts its own collection, transportation and recycling
- 29 program for covered devices, the manufacturer or group of
- 30 manufacturers shall submit a report to the department

- annually by January 30, beginning the year after the program is initiated. The report, sampling, if applicable, and weighing required by this paragraph shall be paid for by the
- 4 manufacturer or group of manufacturers. The report shall
- 5 consist of:
- (i) The total weight of covered computer devices,

  including orphan share or covered television devices,

  collected from consumers in this Commonwealth by the

  manufacturer or group of manufacturers during the

  previous program year and documentation verifying

  collection and recycling of such devices.
- 12 The results of a statistically significant (ii) 13 sampling, if applicable, conducted in accordance with the 14 sampling procedure established by the department pursuant 15 to paragraph (1) of covered computer devices collected 16 from consumers in this Commonwealth by the manufacturer 17 or group of manufacturers during the previous program 18 year. The manufacturer shall audit the sampling results 19 in accordance with the audit procedure established by the 20 department pursuant to paragraph (1). The sampling may be 21 conducted by a third-party organization, including a 22 recycler, to be determined by the manufacturer or group 23 of manufacturers.
- 24 Section 305. Manufacturer plan and reporting.
- 25 (a) Collection, transportation and recycling plan. --
- 26 (1) A manufacturer shall establish, conduct and manage a 27 plan to collect, transport and recycle a quantity of covered 28 computer devices equal to the manufacturer's return share in 29 weight or, in the case of covered television devices, the 30 manufacturer's market share. The plan shall be submitted to

- 1 the department for review.
- 2 (2) A group of manufacturers may submit a joint plan to
- 3 collect, transport and recycle the sum of the return shares
- 4 in weight in the case of covered computer devices of each
- 5 participating manufacturer or, in the case of covered
- 6 television devices, the television manufacturer's market
- 7 share.
- 8 (b) Contents of plan. -- The plan required under subsection
- 9 (a) shall include:
- 10 (1) Methods that will be used to collect the covered
- devices, including the name and locations of proposed
- 12 collection sites.
- 13 (2) The processes that will be used to recycle,
- including a description of the recycling processes that will
- be used and the names and locations of recyclers to be
- 16 directly utilized by the plan.
- 17 (3) Means that will be utilized to publicize the
- 18 collection opportunities, including specification of an
- 19 Internet website address or toll-free telephone number that
- 20 provides information about the manufacturer's program in
- 21 sufficient detail to allow consumers to learn how to return
- their covered devices for recycling.
- 23 (4) The intention of the manufacturer or each
- 24 manufacturer to fulfill its obligated share under this act,
- 25 through operation of its own program, either individually or
- 26 with other manufacturers as a group.
- 27 (5) A listing of all collection sites for covered
- 28 electronic devices and covered television devices.
- 29 (c) Approval of plan.--
- 30 (1) The department shall review a plan submitted to it

- under subsection (a) and, within 60 days of receipt of the plan, determine whether the plan complies with the provisions of this act.
  - (2) If the department approves the plan, the department shall notify the manufacturer or group of manufacturers. If the department rejects the plan, in whole or in part, the department shall notify the manufacturer or group of manufacturers and provide the reasons for the plan's rejection. Rejection of a plan shall be based on the plan's failure to provide the information required by subsection (b).
    - (3) Within 30 days after receipt of the department's rejection, the manufacturer or group of manufacturers may revise and resubmit the plan to the department for approval.
    - (d) Effect of failure to comply with approval plan. --
      - (1) (i) If the total weight in pounds of covered devices collected, transported and recycled during a program year by a manufacturer or group of manufacturers is less than the sum of the obligated shares in weight for that program year of each manufacturer participating in the plan, the manufacturer or group of manufacturers shall submit to the department, by March 15 of the following program year, a payment to cover the cost of collecting, transporting and recycling the unmet portion of the sum of the obligated shares in weight.
      - (ii) The payment shall be equal to the quantity of the unmet portion, in pounds, plus an additional 10% of such quantity, multiplied by the cost per pound for collection, transportation and recycling of covered devices.

- 1 (iii) All payments collected under subparagraph (ii)
- 2 shall be deposited into the Recycling Fund and shall be
- 3 used to fund the activities under section 501 and other
- 4 recycling programs within this Commonwealth.
- 5 (2) The department shall:
- 6 (i) Determine the average cost for collection and
  7 transportation of covered devices to be used in
  8 calculating the penalties under this paragraph.
- 9 (ii) No more frequently than annually and no less
  10 frequently than biennially review these costs and shall
  11 publish for public comment any proposed changes to these
  12 costs.
- 13 (e) Multiple computer manufacturers.--
- (1) Where more than one person may be deemed the
  computer manufacturer of a brand of a covered computer
  device, any one or more such persons may assume
  responsibility for and satisfy the obligations of a
  manufacturer under this act with respect to covered computer
  devices bearing that brand.
- 20 (2) In the event that no person assumes responsibility
  21 for and satisfies the obligations of a computer manufacturer
  22 under this act with respect to covered devices bearing that
  23 brand, for purposes of compliance with these provisions, the
  24 responsible party shall be the person who satisfies paragraph
  25 (1) of the definition of computer manufacturer.
- 26 (f) Construction. -- Nothing in this act shall be construed to
- 27 exempt any person from liability that person would otherwise
- 28 have under applicable law.
- 29 Section 306. Retailer responsibility.
- 30 (a) Public notice. -- A retailer shall clearly post and

- 1 provide information provided by the department that describes
- 2 where and how to recycle a covered device and opportunities and
- 3 locations for the collection and return of the covered device,
- 4 through the use of a toll-free telephone number and Internet
- 5 website, information included in the packaging or information
- 6 provided accompanying the sale of the covered device.
- 7 (b) Sales.--
- 8 (1) A retailer who sells a new covered television device
- 9 during a calendar year shall report the number and weight of
- 10 new covered television devices from each television
- 11 manufacturer sold by that retailer during that calendar year
- 12 to the department within 30 days of the end of the calendar
- 13 year. The report submitted by the retailer to the department
- shall be exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the
- act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-
- 16 to-Know Law, and shall not be disclosed by the department
- 17 unless otherwise required by law or court order, however, all
- 18 aggregated data compiled by the department shall not be
- 19 exempt from the provisions of the Right-to-Know Law.
- 20 (2) The department shall utilize this data exclusively
- 21 to calculate a covered television manufacturer's market
- 22 share.
- 23 (3) A television manufacturer of a covered television
- 24 device may request of the department a copy of the
- information on the brands for which they are a manufacturer
- and which brands may be included in the report submitted by a
- 27 retailer to the department. The department shall only provide
- information on the brands the television manufacturer is
- 29 using, regardless of whether the television manufacturer
- 30 licenses or owns the brands, and this information shall be

- 1 exempt from the provisions of the Right-to-Know Law.
- 2 (4) A retailer shall comply with sections 302(a) and (c)
- 3 and 303.

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- 4 CHAPTER 5
- 5 ADMINISTRATION
- 6 Section 501. Duties of department.
- 7 The department shall:
- 8 (1) Encourage the use of existing collection and
  9 consolidation infrastructure for handling covered devices to
  10 the extent that this infrastructure is accessible on a
  11 regular and ongoing basis to at least 85% of the population
  12 of this Commonwealth, is cost effective and meets the
  13 environmentally sound management requirements of section 506.
  - (2) Update the list maintained pursuant to section 302(b) upon receipt by the department of a manufacturer's registration or an annual manufacturer registration renewal.
- 17 (3) Organize and coordinate public education and
  18 outreach. The department shall work with retailers to develop
  19 the appropriate public education and outreach materials and
  20 to assist retailers as necessary in the conduct of their
  21 public education and outreach efforts.
- 22 (4) Review all plans submitted by a manufacturer or 23 group of manufacturers for the collection, transportation and 24 recycling of covered devices.
- 25 (5) Oversee the implementation of all approved plans and 26 take the necessary actions to ensure compliance with approved 27 plans.
- 28 Section 502. Annual report.
- 29 The department shall prepare and submit annually to the
- 30 General Assembly and post on its Internet website a report that

- 1 includes:
- 2 (1) The total weight of covered computer devices or 3 covered television devices collected in this Commonwealth 4 during the previous calendar year.
- 5 (2) A complete listing of all manufacturers' collection, 6 transportation and recycling programs and collection sites 7 operating in this Commonwealth during the prior calendar 8 year, the parties that operated them and the amount of 9 material by weight collected at each site.
- 10 (3) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the education 11 and outreach program.
- 12 (4) An evaluation of the existing collection and 13 processing infrastructure.
- 14 (5) Recommendations for expanding the program to include 15 additional electronic devices. All recommendations shall be 16 accompanied by an analysis of the positive and negative 17 aspects along with a cost benefit analysis of the 18 recommendations.
- 19 Section 503. Additional duties.
- 20 The department shall:
- 21 (1) Maintain an Internet website and toll-free telephone 22 number complete with up-to-date listings of where consumers 23 may take covered computer devices or covered television 24 devices for recycling under this act.
- 25 (2) No more frequently than annually and no less
  26 frequently than biennially, review at a public hearing the
  27 amount of the covered computer device and covered television
  28 device recycling and registration fee. Recommended changes to
  29 the covered computer device and covered television device
  30 recycling program and registration fees shall be included in

- 1 the annual report.
- 2 Section 504. Fees for collection or recycling of covered
- 3 computer devices.
- 4 No manufacturer or retailer may charge a fee or cost to a
- 5 consumer for the collection, transportation or recycling of a
- 6 covered electronic device or a covered television device.
- 7 Section 505. Environmentally sound management requirements.
- 8 (a) General rule. -- Covered devices collected through any
- 9 program in this Commonwealth, whether by a manufacturer,
- 10 retailer, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation or unit of
- 11 government, shall be recycled in a manner that is in compliance
- 12 with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations
- 13 and ordinances and may not be exported for disposal in a manner
- 14 that poses a significant risk to the public health or the
- 15 environment.
- 16 (b) Performance requirements.--The department shall
- 17 establish performance requirements to conduct collection,
- 18 transportation and recycling programs for covered devices. All
- 19 entities shall, at a minimum, demonstrate compliance with the
- 20 Environmental Protection Agency's: Guidelines for Materials
- 21 Management of the Partnership referred to as Plug-In to eCycling
- 22 as issued and make this available on the Internet website
- 23 described in subsection (c) in addition to any other
- 24 requirements mandated by Federal or State law.
- 25 (c) Department to maintain Internet website. -- The department
- 26 shall maintain an Internet website that includes a list of
- 27 entities and organizations that the department has determined
- 28 have met the performance requirements.
- 29 Section 506. Disposal ban.
- 30 (a) General rule. -- Two years after the effective date of

- 1 this section, no person may place in municipal solid waste a
- 2 covered device or any of the components or subassemblies
- 3 thereof, excluding any nonhazardous residuals produced during
- 4 recycling in any solid waste disposal facility.
- 5 (b) Hold harmless.--An owner or operator of a solid waste
- 6 disposal facility shall not be found in violation of this
- 7 section if such owner or operator has:
- 8 (1) made a good faith effort to comply with this
- 9 section;
- 10 (2) posted in a conspicuous location at the facility a
- sign stating that covered electronic devices and covered
- 12 television devices or any components thereof shall not be
- 13 accepted at such facility; and
- 14 (3) notified, in writing, all collectors registered to
- deposit solid waste to such facility that such devices or
- 16 components shall not be accepted at the facility.
- 17 (c) Definition.--For purposes of this section, "facility"
- 18 shall have the same meaning given to it in section 103 of the
- 19 act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste
- 20 Management Act. The term does not include a transfer station.
- 21 Section 507. Enforcement.
- 22 (a) Judicial action.--
- 23 (1) The Commonwealth, through the Attorney General and
- the department, may initiate independent action to enforce
- any provision of this act, including failure by the
- 26 manufacturer to remit the registration fee pursuant to
- section 304(a) to the department.
- 28 (2) Any funds awarded by the court shall be used first
- to offset enforcement expenses. Money in excess of the
- 30 enforcement expenses shall be deposited into the Recycling

- Fund and used to support the activities under section 501 and
- 2 other recycling programs within this Commonwealth.
- 3 (b) Penalties.--
- 4 (1) Any manufacturer who fails to label its new covered
- 5 devices with a brand, as required by section 303, who fails
- 6 to register with the department and pay a registration fee,
- as required by section 304(a), may be assessed a penalty of
- 8 up to \$10,000 for the first violation and up to \$25,000 for
- 9 the second and each subsequent violation in addition to
- 10 paying for any fees, payments and penalties required by or
- imposed pursuant to this act.
- 12 (2) Except as otherwise provided under paragraph (1),
- any person, including a retailer, who violates any
- requirement of this act may be assessed a penalty of up to
- 15 \$1,000 for the first violation and up to \$2,000 for the
- second and each subsequent violation, in addition to paying
- for any fees, payments and penalties required by or imposed
- 18 pursuant to this act.
- 19 (3) All penalty moneys collected under paragraphs (1)
- and (2) shall be deposited into the Recycling Fund and used
- 21 to support the activities under section 501 and other
- 22 recycling programs within this Commonwealth.
- 23 (c) Injunctive relief.--A violation of the sales
- 24 prohibitions of this act may be enjoined in an action in the
- 25 name of the Commonwealth, brought by the Attorney General.
- 26 Section 508. Regulations.
- 27 The department may adopt rules and regulations as shall be
- 28 necessary for the purpose of administering this act. The
- 29 regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the act of
- 30 June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review

- 1 Act.
- 2 Section 509. Multistate implementation.
- 3 The department may participate in the establishment and
- 4 implementation of a regional, multistate organization or compact
- 5 to assist in carrying out the requirements of this act.
- 6 CHAPTER 7
- 7 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
- 8 Section 701. Expiration.
- 9 (a) Duty of Secretary of Environmental Protection to monitor
- 10 Federal law.--
- 11 (1) The secretary shall monitor the enactment of laws by
- the Congress of the United States to determined whether any
- law has been so enacted that establishes a program directed
- 14 to the collection and recycling of covered devices.
- 15 (2) If the secretary determines that such a law is
- 16 enacted, the secretary shall publish that determination as a
- 17 notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The notice shall include
- a statement that the effect of the notice is the immediate
- expiration of this act as provided under subsection (b).
- 20 (b) Effect of secretary's determination. -- This act shall
- 21 expire on the date a determination of the secretary under
- 22 subsection (a) is published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- 23 Section 702. Effective date.
- This act shall take effect in 60 days.