



# ***Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine***

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## **Maine Leads Nation on Safer Alternatives to Hazardous Chemicals:**

### **New Laws Advanced by the Alliance for a Clean & Healthy Maine**

#### **2003**

LD 1309 *An Act to Protect Public Health by Reducing Human Exposure to Arsenic* (Chap. 457)

- Bans the sale of arsenic-treated wood; establishes home buyer right-to-know about arsenic hazards

LD 1159 *An Act to Reduce Mercury Use in Measuring Devices and Switches* (Chap. 221)

- Requires safer alternatives to most uses of mercury in consumer products sold in Maine

LD 697 *An Act to Require the Installation of Dental Amalgam Separator Systems in Dental Offices* (Chp. 301)

- Requires dentists to capture and recycle mercury waste from work on dental fillings

LD 1549 *An Act to Fund Municipal Collection of Household Hazardous Waste* (Chap. 30)

- Transferred \$438,000 from Finance Authority of Maine for household hazardous waste collection

#### **2004**

LD 1790 *An Act to Reduce the Contamination of Breast Milk and the Environment from the Release of Brominated Chemicals in Consumer Products* (Chap. 629)

- Requires safer alternatives to brominated flame retardants (BFRs) used in computers, TVs and furniture

LD 1892 *An Act to Protect Public Health and the Environment by Providing a Shared System of Responsibility for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Electronic Waste* (Chap. 661)

- Establishes manufacturers responsibility to fund recycling of computers and TVs

LD 1901 *An Act to Protect Public Health and the Environment by Improving the System for the Collection and Recovery of Mercury-added Thermostats* (Chap. 640)

- Expands mercury thermostat recycling by establishing more collection centers

#### **2005**

LD 1034 *An Act to Prevent Lead Poisoning of Children and Adults* (Chap. 403)

- Raises \$2.5 million from paint manufacturers for lead poisoning prevention programs over 5 years

LD 185 *An Act to Amend the Law on Mercury-added Products* (Chap. 148)

- Increases bounty payment by auto manufacturers to expand recycling of mercury auto switches



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LD 1157 *Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Environmental Protection To  
Implement Procedures To Remove Hazardous Materials from Maine Schools (Chap. 93)*

- Speeds the removal of dangerous and obsolete chemicals from Maine secondary schools