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LAWS OF: 2003 **CHAPTER:** 174

NJSA: 26:2-179 (Mercury health advisories to pregnant women)

BILL NO: S1202 (Substituted for A2826)

SPONSOR(S): Buono and others

DATE INTRODUCED: February 25, 2002

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

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DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 23, 2003

SENATE: June 23, 2003

DATE OF APPROVAL: September 10, 2003

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (2nd reprint enacted)
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

S1202

[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

[LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE:](#) [Yes](#)

A2826

[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) [Yes](#)
Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S1202

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)
Identical to Assembly statement to S1202

SENATE: No

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

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Title 26.
Chapter 2.
Part FF. Mercury
Health Advisories
and Consumption of
Fish
§1 - C.26:2-179
§2 - Note

P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 174, *approved September 10, 2003*
Senate, No. 1202 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning health warnings about mercury contamination and
2 supplementing ²[Titles 26 and 13] Title 26² of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. The Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation
9 with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall prepare a
10 consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of
11 professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or
12 pediatric care and in the patient or client areas of all maternal and child
13 health and nutrition programs. The notice shall explain the danger to
14 women who expect to become pregnant, women who are pregnant or
15 breast feeding their children, and young children, of eating mercury
16 contaminated fish. The notice shall summarize the State's and the
17 federal government's most current mercury health advisories
18 concerning fish consumption and shall contain such other information
19 as the department deems appropriate. The notice also shall list ²[the]
20 any² telephone number ²that may be² established ²[pursuant to section
21 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
22 that] for² State residents ²[may] to² call for further information about
23 the health advisories.

24 The department shall distribute the notice, at no charge, to all
25 professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or
26 pediatric care and to all publicly funded maternal and child health and
27 nutrition programs in the State. The department shall update the
28 notice as necessary, and shall make additional copies of the notice
29 available to health care providers upon request.

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31 ²[2. a. The Department of Environmental Protection, in
32 consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall
33 prepare a consumer's guide to mercury and other health advisories, as
34 the department deems appropriate, for the consumption of ¹those

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SHH committee amendments adopted September 26, 2002.

² Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted June 5, 2003.

1 species of marine, estuarine and¹ fresh water fish¹, as the department
2 deems appropriate.¹ and ¹ **[distribute sufficient] make**¹ copies of the
3 guide¹ available¹, at no charge, to all public and private entities
4 designated to issue fishing licenses. The department shall require that
5 ¹ **[a copy of the guide be distributed to]**¹ all applicants for a fishing
6 license ¹ **be provided with a copy of the guide or advised how to obtain**
7 **a copy of the guide, at no charge.**¹ at the time the license is issued.

8 The department shall update the guide as necessary, and shall make
9 copies of the guide available to other members of the public upon
10 request.

11 The guide also shall list the telephone number established pursuant
12 to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature
13 as this bill) that State residents may call for further information about
14 the health advisories.

15 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall include^{1,1} on
16 each fishing license issued in the State after the effective date of this
17 act, the telephone number established pursuant to section 3 of P.L. ,

18 c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill) that licensees
19 may call for further information about the health advisories.]²

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21 ²**[3. The Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation**
22 **with the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall establish and**
23 **maintain a telephone service to provide information to residents of the**
24 **State about mercury health advisories for the consumption of fresh**
25 **water fish.]**²

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27 ²**[4.]** 2.² This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment.

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32 Provides for notification to pregnant women about mercury health
33 advisories in consumption of fish.

SENATE, No. 1202

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 2002

Sponsored by:
Senator BARBARA BUONO
District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Provides for notification to pregnant women and holders of fishing licenses about mercury health advisories in consumption of fish.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning health warnings about mercury contamination and
2 supplementing Titles 26 and 13 of the Revised Statutes.

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16 federal government's most current mercury health advisories
17 concerning fish consumption and shall contain such other information
18 as the department deems appropriate. The notice also shall list the
19 telephone number established pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c.
20 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that State residents
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22 The department shall distribute the notice, at no charge, to all
23 professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or
24 pediatric care and to all publicly funded maternal and child health and
25 nutrition programs in the State. The department shall update the
26 notice as necessary, and shall make additional copies of the notice
27 available to health care providers upon request.

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29 2. a. The Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation
30 with the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall prepare a
31 consumer's guide to mercury and other health advisories, as the
32 department deems appropriate, for the consumption of fresh water fish
33 and distribute sufficient copies of the guide, at no charge, to all public
34 and private entities designated to issue fishing licenses. The
35 department shall require that a copy of the guide be distributed to all
36 applicants for a fishing license at the time the license is issued.

37 The department shall update the guide as necessary, and shall make
38 copies of the guide available to other members of the public upon
39 request.

40 The guide also shall list the telephone number established pursuant
41 to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
42 this bill) that State residents may call for further information about the
43 health advisories.

44 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall include on
45 each fishing license issued in the State after the effective date of this
46 act, the telephone number established pursuant to section 3 of P.L. ,

1 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that licensees
2 may call for further information about the health advisories.

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4 3. The Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation
5 with the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall establish and
6 maintain a telephone service to provide information to residents of the
7 State about mercury health advisories for the consumption of fresh
8 water fish.

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10 4. This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment.

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13 STATEMENT

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15 The purpose of this bill is to provide greater protection from the
16 health hazards of mercury contamination by providing residents of this
17 State who are at greatest risk of consuming fish that have elevated
18 levels of mercury, with necessary information about these fish.

19 The Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with
20 the Department of Environmental Protection, is required to prepare a
21 consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of
22 professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or
23 pediatric care and in all patient or client areas of maternal and child
24 health and nutrition programs. The notice shall explain the danger to
25 women who expect to become pregnant, women who are pregnant or
26 breast feeding their children, and young children, of eating mercury
27 contaminated fish. The notice shall summarize the State's and the
28 federal government's most current health advisories concerning fish
29 consumption.

30 The bill also requires the Department of Environmental Protection,
31 in consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, to
32 prepare a consumer's guide to mercury health advisories for the
33 consumption of fresh water fish. The guide shall be distributed to all
34 applicants for a State fishing license at the time the license is issued.

35 Finally, the bill requires the Department of Environmental
36 Protection, in consultation with the Department of Health and Senior
37 Services, to establish and maintain a telephone service to provide
38 information to residents of the State about mercury health advisories
39 for the consumption of fresh water fish. This telephone number shall
40 be listed on the notices posted in medical offices, maternal and child
41 health and nutrition programs, on the guide prepared by the
42 Department of Environmental Protection and on all fishing licenses
43 issued after the effective date of the bill.

44 While mercury is widespread in the environment, the most likely
45 exposure for humans is by eating mercury contaminated fish. The
46 amount of mercury in fish depends upon the species of fish, where the

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1 fish has lived and its size. Even though most fish are safe to eat,
2 people who eat large amounts of fish may accumulate significant
3 amounts of mercury over time.

4 This accumulation of mercury is a particular problem for women in
5 the months just prior to and during pregnancy because a developing
6 fetus is especially susceptible to the harmful effects of mercury.
7 Mercury affects fetal development by preventing the brain and nervous
8 system from developing normally. Affected children show lowered
9 intelligence, impaired hearing and poor coordination, and their verbal
10 and motor skills may be delayed.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1202

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2003

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1202 (1R).

This bill, as amended by the committee, would require the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to prepare a consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or pediatric care and in the patient or client areas of all maternal and child health and nutrition programs. The notice would explain the danger of eating mercury contaminated fish to women who expect to become pregnant, women who are pregnant or breast feeding their children, and young children. The notice also would summarize the State's and the federal government's most current mercury health advisories concerning fish consumption and would contain such other information as the department deems appropriate.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2826 as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) delete the section in the bill requiring the DEP, in consultation with the DHSS, to prepare and provide copies of a consumer's guide to mercury and other health advisories regarding marine, estuarine, and fresh water fish consumption; and

(2) delete the section in the bill requiring the DEP, in consultation with the DHSS, to establish and maintain a telephone number for residents to call to obtain information about mercury health advisories for the consumption of fresh water fish.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1202

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1202.

The purpose of this bill is to provide greater protection from the health hazards of mercury contamination by providing residents of this State, who are at greatest risk of consuming fish that have elevated levels of mercury, with necessary information about these fish.

As amended by committee, this bill would require the Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to prepare a consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or pediatric care and in all patient or client areas of maternal and child health and nutrition programs. The notice shall explain the danger of eating mercury contaminated fish to women who expect to become pregnant, women who are pregnant or breast feeding their children, and young children. The notice shall summarize the State's and the federal government's most current health advisories concerning fish consumption.

The bill also requires the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, to prepare a consumer's guide to mercury health advisories for the consumption of marine, estuarine and fresh water fish. All applicants for a State fishing license shall either be provided with a copy of the guide or advised how to obtain a copy of the guide, at the time the license is issued.

Finally, the bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, to establish and maintain a telephone service to provide information to residents of the State about mercury health advisories for the consumption of fresh water fish. This telephone number shall be listed on the notices posted in medical offices, maternal and child health and nutrition programs, on the guide prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection and on all fishing licenses

issued after the effective date of the bill.

While mercury is widespread in the environment, the most likely exposure for humans is by eating mercury contaminated fish. The amount of mercury in fish depends upon the species of fish, where the fish has lived and its size. Even though most fish are safe to eat, people who eat large amounts of fish may accumulate significant amounts of mercury over time. This accumulation of mercury is a particular problem for women in the months just prior to and during pregnancy because a developing fetus is especially susceptible to the harmful effects of mercury. Mercury affects fetal development by preventing the brain and nervous system from developing normally. Affected children show lowered intelligence, impaired hearing and poor coordination, and their verbal and motor skills may be delayed.

The committee amended the bill to include advisories about marine and estuarine fish, as well as fresh water fish, as the Department of Environmental Protection deems appropriate. Amendments also delete the requirement that the Department of Environmental Protection distribute sufficient copies of the guide to fishing license issuers and provide, instead, that the department make the guide available to the issuers. Also, the requirement that the guide be distributed to all fishing license applicants is deleted and replaced with a requirement that all applicants be provided with a copy of the guide or advised how to obtain a copy of the guide, at no charge.

FISCAL NOTE
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 1202
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
210th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2002

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Provides for notification to pregnant women and holders of fishing licenses about mercury health advisories in consumption of fish.

Type of Impact: Increase in General Fund expenditures

Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
State Cost	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000

- ! The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) **concurs** with the Executive estimate.
- ! The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and DHSS estimate of an annual cost of \$12,000, for the next three fiscal years, is for the cost of printing and distributing the consumer's mercury alert notice.
- ! The bill requires DHSS to distribute consumer alert notices to certain health care providers to notify pregnant women and parents of young children of the danger of eating mercury contaminated fish, and requires DEP to develop and make available a consumer's guide to mercury health advisories to issuers of fishing licenses and applicants for fishing licenses.
- ! DEP, through its Division of Fish and Wildlife, already compiles the information required in this legislation and includes it in its publication, *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest*, which is made available to fishing license issuers and members of the public, at no charge. DEP also currently maintains a telephone service to provide information about fish advisories to members of the public.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 1202 (1R) of 2002 would require DHSS, in consultation with DEP, to prepare a consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or pediatric care and in all patient or client areas

of maternal and child health and nutrition programs. The notice shall explain the danger of eating mercury contaminated fish to women who expect to become pregnant, women who are pregnant or breast feeding their children and young children, and summarize the State's and the federal government's most current health advisories concerning fish consumption.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

OMB states that the cost estimates are based on the current costs to print and distribute materials, and relate only to DHSS' responsibility of preparing and distributing a consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of health care providers. Information concerning DEP's costs was not provided.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the Executive estimate.

Section: *Human Services*

Analyst: *Eleanor H. Seel*
Section Chief

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2826

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ROBERT J. SMITH

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblyman JEFF VAN DREW

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2826

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2003

The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2826.

This bill, as amended by the committee, would require the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to prepare a consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or pediatric care and in the patient or client areas of all maternal and child health and nutrition programs. The notice would explain the danger of eating mercury contaminated fish to women who expect to become pregnant, women who are pregnant or breast feeding their children, and young children. The notice also would summarize the State's and the federal government's most current mercury health advisories concerning fish consumption and would contain such other information as the department deems appropriate.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1202 (1R) as also amended and reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) delete the section in the bill requiring the DEP, in consultation with the DHSS, to prepare and provide copies of a consumer's guide to mercury and other health advisories regarding fresh water fish consumption; and

(2) delete the section in the bill requiring the DEP, in consultation with the DHSS, to establish and maintain a telephone number for residents to call to obtain information about mercury health advisories for the consumption of fresh water fish.