

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 201 [2011 Senate Bill 407]

Sales of Zinc Air Button Cell Batteries

2011 Wisconsin Act 201 prohibits the retail sale of zinc air button cell batteries manufactured after January 1, 2013, unless the manufacturer of the batteries has certified to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) that the batteries contain no mercury that was intentionally introduced. The Act also directs DATCP to compile and make available to the public a list of zinc air button cell batteries for which it has received the certification.

Under Act 201, any person who sells batteries that have not been certified to DATCP is subject to a forfeiture of \$50 to \$200, and any manufacturer that submits a fraudulent certification is subject to a forfeiture of \$1,000 to \$10,000 for each violation.

Effective date: 2011 Wisconsin Act 201 takes effect on April 17, 2012.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.state.wi.us/</u>.