

Senator Hawj from the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3345: A bill for an act relating to environment; banning certain mercury-containing lighting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116.92, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 21, delete "and"

Page 2, line 11, delete the period and insert a semicolon

Page 2, after line 11, insert:

"(3) "mercury vapor lamp" means a high-intensity discharge lamp, including clear, phosphor-coated, and self-ballasted screw base lamps, in which the major portion of the light is produced by radiation from mercury typically operating at a partial vapor pressure in excess of 100,000 pascals;

(4) "mercury vapor lamp ballast" means a device that is designed and marketed to start and operate mercury vapor lamps intended for general illumination by providing the necessary voltage and current; and

(5) "specialty application mercury vapor lamp ballast" means a mercury vapor lamp ballast:

(i) that is designed and marketed for operating mercury vapor lamps used in quality inspection, industrial processing, or scientific applications, including fluorescent microscopy and ultraviolet curing; and

(ii) the label of which states "For specialty applications only, not for general illumination" and indicates the specific applications for which the ballast is designed."

Page 2, line 14, after "lamp" insert ", a mercury vapor lamp, or a mercury vapor lamp ballast, whether sold separately, in a retrofit kit, or in a luminaire"

Page 2, line 24, delete "or"

Page 3, line 13, delete the period and insert a semicolon

Page 3, after line 13, insert:

"(3) specialty application mercury vapor lamp ballasts; or

(4) a compact fluorescent lamp used to replace a lamp in a motor vehicle if the motor vehicle was manufactured on or before January 1, 2020.

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(d) Nothing in this section limits the ability of a utility to offer energy-efficient lighting, rebates, or lamp-recycling services or to claim energy savings resulting from such programs through the utility's energy conservation and optimization plans approved by the commissioner of commerce under section 216B.241 or an energy conservation and optimization plan filed by a consumer-owned utility under section 216B.2403."

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And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Committee Chair)

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(Date of Committee recommendation)