

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1966

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

February 19, 2014

An act to amend Section 25214.11 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1966, as introduced, Patterson. Hazardous waste: toxics: packaging.

The Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act generally prohibits a manufacturer or supplier from offering for sale or for promotional purposes in this state a package or packaging component that includes intentionally introduced lead, mercury, cadmium, or hexavalent chromium in the package or in a packaging component. Existing law makes a statement of legislative findings and declarations regarding the act.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that statement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25214.11 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 25214.11. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 4 following:

- 1 (1) The management of solid waste can pose a wide range of
2 hazards to public health and safety and to the environment.
- 3 (2) Packaging comprises a significant percentage of the overall
4 solid waste stream.
- 5 (3) The presence of heavy metals in packaging is a part of the
6 total concern regarding the disposal of hazardous constituents in
7 the solid waste stream, in light of the presence of heavy metals in
8 emissions or ash when packaging is incinerated, or in leachate
9 when packaging is disposed of in a solid waste landfill.
- 10 (4) Lead, mercury, cadmium, and hexavalent chromium, on the
11 basis of available scientific and medical evidence, are of particular
12 concern.
- 13 (5) It is desirable, as a first step in reducing the toxicity of
14 packaging ~~waste~~, *waste* and reducing the hazardous materials that
15 may be disposed of in solid waste landfills, to eliminate the addition
16 of these heavy metals to packaging.
- 17 (6) The intent of this article is to achieve this reduction in
18 toxicity without impeding or discouraging the expanded use of
19 recycled materials in the production of packaging and its
20 components.
- 21 (b) This article shall be known, and may be cited, as the “Toxics
22 in Packaging Prevention Act.”