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Brief Description: Reducing neighborhood wood smoke pollution.

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Requires the department to adopt in rule the ambient level of particulates two and one-half microns and smaller in diameter that must be measured in order to reach an impaired air quality event after March 31, 2004. If possible, the rules adopted under this act should conform to standards adopted by the federal government for ambient particulate matter. The department may amend any rules adopted under this act should federal standards change or the department find that a lower particulate concentration is appropriate for the protection of human health.

Authorizes the department to institute a wood stove buy-back program designed to exchange wood stoves for credit towards the purchase of a new natural gas or propane stove.