

HB 1364-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/13)

Finds that: (1) It is important to ensure that all entities supplying small rechargeable batteries to users in the state, whether as stand alone units or as easily removable components of products, bear the same battery stewardship obligations;

(2) Addressing certain existing and future barriers to implementation of voluntary industry programs to collect and recycle used small rechargeable batteries will facilitate these interests; and

(3) The opportunity exists for the state to encourage the continuation of existing private mechanisms that ensure the proper stewardship of used small rechargeable batteries, while avoiding any burden on the state for enforcement responsibilities.

Provides that the act is void if a federal law, or a combination of federal laws, takes effect that establishes a national program for the collection and recycling of both used nonrechargeable batteries and used small rechargeable batteries.