

**455D.16 Mercury — thermostats.**

1. As used in [this section](#), unless the context otherwise requires, “*mercury-added thermostat*” means a product or device that uses a mercury switch to sense and control room temperature through communication with heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning equipment. “*Mercury-added thermostat*” includes thermostats used to sense and control room temperature in residential, commercial, industrial, and other buildings but does not include thermostats used to sense and control temperature as part of a manufacturing process.

2. A person shall not sell, offer for sale, or install a mercury-added thermostat in this state.

3. Except as otherwise provided, a person who generates a discarded mercury-added thermostat shall manage the mercury-added thermostat as a hazardous waste or universal hazardous waste, according to all applicable state and federal regulations. A contractor who replaces or removes mercury-added thermostats shall assure that any discarded mercury-added thermostat is subject to proper separation and management as hazardous waste or universal hazardous waste. A contractor who replaces a mercury-added thermostat in a residence shall deliver the mercury-added thermostat to an appropriate collection location for recycling.

[2008 Acts, ch 1168, §1](#); [2015 Acts, ch 29, §60](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1023, §8](#); [2019 Acts, ch 59, §142](#); [2019 Acts, ch 131, §37](#)