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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAMINSKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to eliminating the installation or covering of mercury-containing flooring in elementary and secondary schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 27-2119 to read as follows:

§ 27-2119. Phase-out of mercury-containing flooring.

1. Commencing a year after the calendar year in which this section takes effect, no public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school shall install a mercury-containing floor nor shall any school install a floor over a mercury-containing floor prior to removal of the mercury-containing floor.

2. The time weighted average mercury vapor exposure for an employee or student of a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school shall not exceed 750 ng/m (3).

3. For purposes of this section:

(a) "mercury-containing floor" shall mean a floor containing phenyl-mercuric-acetate catalyst.

(b) "time weighted average" shall mean an employee's average airborne exposure in an eight-hour work shift of a forty-hour work week or for a person under the age of eighteen shall mean sixteen hours or less per week averaged over the school year.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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