

### **Legislative Liaison Update**

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### **OUTLINE**

(1) Two Laws Effective January 1, 2012

(a) New Electronics
Recycling Requirements

(b) New Restrictions on the Purchase or Acquisition of Corrosive and Caustic Acids



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(2) Summary of Proposed Environmental Bills in Illinois General Assembly





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- Maintain consumer education programs designed to inform customers of proper disposal policies for electronic products.

Effective January
1, 2012, the
disposal of certain
electronic products
in landfills is
banned.



Increases the civil penalty for violations from \$1,000 to \$7,000 for each violation. An additional civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 is also imposed for each day the violation continues.

IEPA will now have additional enforcement authority.



Generally makes it unlawful for any person knowingly to have in his or her possession or to carry about certain corrosive and caustic acids in delineated quantities.

A violation of this law is punished as a Class 4 felony.

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- Commercial or consumer products that contain any of the specified substances including batteries.

Also restricts the purchase of the corrosive and caustic acids.

A person seeking to purchase those substances must, prior to taking possession: "(1) provide a valid driver's license or other government-issued identification showing the person's name, date of birth, and photograph; and

(2) sign a log documenting the name and address of the person, date and time of the transaction, and the brand, product name, and net weight of the item."

Any violation "is a business offense for which a fine not exceeding \$150 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation, or \$1,500 for the third and subsequent violations within a 12-month period shall be imposed."

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### Questions

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