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Representative Karen May's Mercury Switch Bill Signed By the Governor on Earth Day



Highland Park- Governor Rod Blagojevich signs State Representative Karen May's Mercury Switch Removal Act, House Bill 5578, on April 22 at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. Rep. May's Mercury Switch legislation creates a program to capture mercury-containing switches from end-of-life vehicles before they are crushed, shredded, melted or otherwise processed. Mercury is a powerful neurotoxin that can critically harm the nervous system and can lead to serious brain and nerve damage, especially in children. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency believes that May's legislation will decrease the release of mercury into the environment by 800 pounds per year.

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