

SENATE No. 443

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to antique barometers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 21H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “devices”, in line 108, the
3 following words:- , antique barometers and mercury thermometers that were manufactured
4 before 1955.

5 SECTION 2. Section 6D of said chapter 21H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 inserting after the word “barometers”, in line 5, the following words:- , except for antique
7 barometers, including those with attached mercury thermometers, that were manufactured before
8 1955.

9 SECTION 3. Section 6K of said chapter 21H, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
10 adding the following subsection:-(f) A person who sells an antique that contains mercury shall
11 clearly inform the purchaser in writing, at the time of sale, that the antique contains mercury, that
12 mercury is a hazardous substance that is regulated by federal and state law and of the proper
13 methods for disposal and recycling of the antique.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on May 1, 2009.