Senate, No. 1202 (Second Reprint)

AN ACT concerning health warnings about mercury contamination and
supplementing §2[Titles 26 and 13] Title 26 of the Revised
Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. The Department of Health and Senior Services, in consultation
with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall prepare a
consumer's mercury alert notice for posting in all patient areas of
professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or
pediatric care and in the patient or client areas of all maternal and child
health and nutrition programs. The notice shall explain the danger to
women who expect to become pregnant, women who are pregnant or
breast feeding their children, and young children, of eating mercury
contaminated fish. The notice shall summarize the State's and the
federal government's most current mercury health advisories
concerning fish consumption and shall contain such other information
as the department deems appropriate. The notice also shall list §2[the]
any§2 telephone number §2that may be§2 established§2 pursuant to section
3 of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
that§2 for§2 State residents §2[may] to§2 call for further information about
the health advisories.

The department shall distribute the notice, at no charge, to all
professional medical offices that provide gynecological, obstetrical or
pediatric care and to all publicly funded maternal and child health and
nutrition programs in the State. The department shall update the
notice as necessary, and shall make additional copies of the notice
available to health care providers upon request.

§2[2. a. The Department of Environmental Protection, in
consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall
prepare a consumer's guide to mercury and other health advisories, as
the department deems appropriate, for the consumption of §1those

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not
enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

1 Senate SHH committee amendments adopted September 26, 2002.
2 Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted June 5, 2003.
species of marine, estuarine and fresh water fish, as the department deems appropriate, and make copies of the guide available, at no charge, to all public and private entities designated to issue fishing licenses. The department shall require that a copy of the guide be distributed to all applicants for a fishing license be provided with a copy of the guide or advised how to obtain a copy of the guide, at no charge at the time the license is issued. The department shall update the guide as necessary, and shall make copies of the guide available to other members of the public upon request.

The guide also shall list the telephone number established pursuant to section 3 of P.L. c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that State residents may call for further information about the health advisories.

b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall include each fishing license issued in the State after the effective date of this act, the telephone number established pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that licensees may call for further information about the health advisories.

3. The Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall establish and maintain a telephone service to provide information to residents of the State about mercury health advisories for the consumption of fresh water fish.

4. This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment.

Provides for notification to pregnant women about mercury health advisories in consumption of fish.