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Brief Description: Requiring informed consent for dental materials containing mercury.

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Requires a dentist to obtain a written informed consent from each patient prior to any dental procedure or treatment that includes the use of dental restorative materials that contain mercury.

Requires any dentist who removes dental restorative materials containing mercury from a patient's teeth to disclose the health risks of removal.

Requires every dental office that uses dental restorative materials containing mercury or removes these materials from the teeth of patients to install mercury separators on any wastewater drain through which mercury containing materials pass.

Provides that dental materials containing mercury, whether restorative materials removed from patients' teeth or excess material from new restorations, must be placed in a vapor-proof container clearly labeled as containing mercury and must be treated as hazardous waste and disposed of in accordance with federal and state law.