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To support the recycling and recovery of lithium-ion batteries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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batteries.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Battery Recycling for
5 America’s Competitive Economy Act” or the “BRACE
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. END OF LIFE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY MANAGEMENT.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

9 (1) DESTINATION FACILITY.—The term “des-
10 tination facility” has the meaning given such term

1 in section 273.9 of title 40, Code of Federal Regula-
2 tions (or any successor regulations).

3 (2) LARGE QUANTITY HANDLER OF UNIVERSAL
4 WASTE.—The term “large quantity handler of uni-
5 versal waste” has the meaning given such term in
6 section 273.9 of title 40, Code of Federal Regula-
7 tions (or any successor regulations).

8 (3) LITHIUM-ION BATTERY.—The term “lith-
9 ium-ion battery” means a battery that uses the
10 movement of lithium ions between two electrodes to
11 store and release energy.

12 (b) UNIVERSAL WASTE REGULATIONS FOR LITHIUM-
13 ION BATTERIES.—In lieu of the requirements described
14 in section 273.60(a) of title 40, Code of Federal Regula-
15 tions (or any successor regulations), a destination facility
16 that stores lithium-ion batteries prior to recycling such
17 lithium-ion batteries shall comply with—

18 (1) the requirements described in sections
19 273.33(a)(1), 273.35, 273.36, and 272.37 of title
20 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor
21 regulations), which would apply if the destination fa-
22 cility were a large quantity handler of universal
23 waste; and

24 (2) the requirements described in section
25 273.60(b) of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations

1 (or any successor regulations), which would apply if
2 the destination facility did not store the lithium-ion
3 batteries prior to recycling such lithium-ion bat-
4 teries.

5 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL UPDATES TO THE MERCURY-CON-**
6 **TAINING AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY**
7 **MANAGEMENT ACT.**

8 Section 104(a) of the Mercury-Containing and Re-
9 chargeable Battery Management Act (42 U.S.C.
10 14323(a)) is amended by striking “60 Fed. Reg. 25492
11 (May 11, 1995), as effective on May 11, 1995”, and in-
12 serting “part 273 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations
13 (or any successor regulations)”.

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