Battery Stewardship Act: Colorado Enacts Legislation Establishing a Framework for Management

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The Colorado Legislature has enacted, and the Governor signed Senate Bill 25-163, which is titled:

The Battery Stewardship Act ("Act").

The Act establishes a framework addressing the collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of batteries in the state of Colorado.

The Act creates the Battery Stewardship Program in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ("CDPHE"). The Program requires producers of batteries and battery-containing products to plan for the collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of the batteries.

Key required activities/timelines include:

- July 1, 2027: Non-profit organizations or producers directly, may submit battery stewardship plans to CDPHE for approval establishing battery collection and recycling methods, including developing accessible battery collection sites, performance goals, and outreach plans for program awareness.
- August 1, 2027: Producers must participate in an approved battery stewardship plan and pay required fees to the organization, otherwise they may not sell or distribute the battery or product in the state.
- January 1, 2027: All batteries and battery-containing products must comply with the new labeling requirements.
- December 1, 2028: Battery stewardship organizations must complete an assessment of battery management challenges and opportunities and submit a report to CDPHE.
- July 1, 2029: Retailers cannot sell or distribute batteries or battery-containing products unless the producer is in compliance.

A copy of the Act can be downloaded here.