

Shedding some light on the situation

Dear editor:

I have recently found that there is legislation to ban the incandescent light bulb. I understand that the main issue is the mercury content in the bulbs and I cannot argue with eliminating that.

We have tried some of the more environmentally friendly light bulbs and we find that on several occasions they do not fit our fixtures. So now we are not only going to be paying more for the new light bulbs but we will have to replace the fixtures as well.

If the government is serious about moving forward with this prohibition then they must mandate the manufacturers to produce light bulbs which are compatible with the fixtures that are currently in use. I understand the some of the fixtures in our house are old or outdated but I am sure we are not the only constituents in the same situation.

The notification of this legislation seems to have been poorly advertised. I happened to see an article on the internet and then queried our local hardware store which confirmed what I had read. Other than that I have not seen any publication from the government to announce this restriction.

This legislation is suppose to take place January 1, 2014.

Is there something we can do before this ban is in place in order to lessen the cost to householder for not only the extra cost for the newer environmentally friendly light bulbs but also for those householders who will have to purchase new light fixtures?

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