(3) informs each of its purchasers of mercuric-oxide batteries of a telephone number that the purchaser may call to get information about sending mercuric-oxide batteries for recycling or proper disposal.

# (b) Application of section

This section does not apply to a sale or offer of a mercuric-oxide button cell battery.

(Pub. L. 104-142, title II, §206, May 13, 1996, 110 Stat. 1336.)

## § 14336. New product or use

On petition of a person that proposes a new use for a battery technology described in this subchapter or the use of a battery described in this subchapter in a new product, the Administrator may exempt from this subchapter the new use of the technology or the use of such a battery in the new product on the condition, if appropriate, that there exist reasonable safeguards to ensure that the resulting battery or product without an easily removable battery will not be disposed of in an incinerator, composting facility, or landfill (other than a facility regulated under subtitle C of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6921 et seq.)).

(Pub. L. 104-142, title II, §207, May 13, 1996, 110 Stat. 1336.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

#### References in Text

The Solid Waste Disposal Act, referred to in text, is title II of Pub. L. 89–272, Oct. 20, 1965, 79 Stat. 997, as amended generally by Pub. L. 94–580, § 2, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2795. Subtitle C of the Act is classified generally to subchapter III (§6921 et seq.) of chapter 82 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6901 of this title and Tables.

### CHAPTER 138—ASSISTED SUICIDE FUNDING RESTRICTION

Sec. 14401. Findings and purpose. 14402. Restriction on use of Federal funds under health care programs. 14403. Restriction on use of Federal funds under certain grant programs. 14404. Restriction on use of Federal funds by advocacy programs. 14405. Restriction on use of other Federal funds. Clarification with respect to advance direc-14406 tives 14407. Application to District of Columbia. 14408 Relation to other laws. § 14401. Findings and purpose

## (a) Findings

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The Federal Government provides financial support for the provision of and payment for health care services, as well as for advocacy activities to protect the rights of individnals.
- (2) Assisted suicide, euthanasia, and mercy killing have been criminal offenses throughout the United States and, under current law, it would be unlawful to provide services in support of such illegal activities.

- (3) Because of recent legal developments, it may become lawful in areas of the United States to furnish services in support of such activities.
- (4) Congress is not providing Federal financial assistance in support of assisted suicide, euthanasia, and mercy killing and intends that Federal funds not be used to promote such activities.

### (b) Purpose

It is the principal purpose of this chapter to continue current Federal policy by providing explicitly that Federal funds may not be used to pay for items and services (including assistance) the purpose of which is to cause (or assist in causing) the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual.

(Pub. L. 105-12, §2, Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 23.)

### **Editorial Notes**

#### References in Text

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 105-12, Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 23, known as the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-12, §11, Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 29, provided that:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of this Act [see Short Title note below] (and the amendments made by this Act) take effect upon its enactment [Apr. 30, 1997] and apply, subject to subsection (b), to Federal payments made pursuant to obligations incurred after the date of the enactment of this Act for items and services provided on or after such date.

"(b) APPLICATION TO CONTRACTS.—Such provisions shall apply with respect to contracts entered into, renewed, or extended after the date of the enactment of this Act [Apr. 30, 1997] and shall also apply to a contract entered into before such date to the extent permitted under such contract."

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 105-12, §1(a), Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 23, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter, section 2380 of this title, section 1621x of Title 25, Indians, and section 1707 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits, amending sections 295, 701, 1395y, 1395cc, 1396a, 1396b, 1397d, 2996f, 6022, 6042, 6062, 6082, and 10805 of this title, section 8902 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, section 1073 of Title 10, Armed Forces, section 4005 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, section 2504 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse, and section 794e of Title 29, Labor, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 295 of this titlel may be cited as the 'Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997'.

## CONSTRUCTION OF CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 105-12, §9(p), Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 29, provided that: "The fact that a law is not amended under this section [enacting section 2380 of this title, section 1621x of Title 25, Indians, and section 1707 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits, amending sections 701, 1395y, 1395cc, 1396a, 1396b, 1397d, 2996f, 6022, 6042, 6062, 6082, and 10805 of this title, section 8902 of Title 5. Government Organization and Employees, section 1073 of Title 10, Armed Forces, section 4005 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, section 2504 of Title 22, Foreign Relations