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FEDERAL

GREENER COMPUTERS, MONITORS TO HIT THE MARKET

ON JULY 24, 2006, THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNOUNCED THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT NOW HAVE PRODUCTS THAT SATISFY STANDARDS SET BY THE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TOOL ("EPEAT"). EPEAT, A PROJECT FUNDED BY EPA AND MANAGED BY THE GREEN ELECTRONICS COUNCIL, PROMOTES IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN OF ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS AND INFORMS PURCHASERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

[HTTP://YOSEMITE.EPA.GOV/OPA/ADMPRESS.NSF/68B5F2D54F3EEFD28525701500517FBF/4CB4E905E82AC61F852571B5006311B7!OPENDOCUMENT](http://YOSEMITE.EPA.GOV/OPA/ADMPRESS.NSF/68B5F2D54F3EEFD28525701500517FBF/4CB4E905E82AC61F852571B5006311B7!OPENDOCUMENT)

VIRGINIA

NEW LAW PROVIDES FOR SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH GROUP POOLING

ON APRIL 6, GOVERNOR KAINE SIGNED HOUSE BILL 761 (CHAPTER 427), WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFFERING, PROVIDING OR FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF COVERAGE FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO PARTICIPATING SMALL EMPLOYERS. THE LEGISLATION BECAME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

[HTTP://LEG1.STATE.VA.US/CGI-BIN/LEGP504.EXE?061+FUL+CHAP0427](http://LEG1.STATE.VA.US/CGI-BIN/LEGP504.EXE?061+FUL+CHAP0427)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF "GREEN" BUILDINGS IN DC

MAYOR WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED THAT LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED THAT WOULD FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF "GREEN" BUILDINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (*I.E.*, BUILDINGS THAT OFTEN RELY ON RECYCLED MATERIALS, USE LOW ENERGY, AND MINIMIZE THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT). MAYOR WILLIAMS STATED THAT HIS GOAL IS TO MAKE DC A NATIONAL LEADER IN THE TREND TOWARD GREEN BUILDINGS, NOTING THAT DC HAS ALREADY ERECTED ONE SUCH BUILDING AND HAS PLANS FOR MORE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

[HTTP://DC.GOV/MAYOR/NEWS/RELEASE.ASP?ID=943&MON=200607](http://dc.gov/mayor/news/release.asp?id=943&mon=200607)