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Organizations claim the proposed bill would allow shared responsibility for recycling efforts.

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The [Corp. for Battery Recycling](#) (CBR), the [National Electrical Manufacturers Association](#) (NEMA), the [Rechargeable Battery Association](#) (PRBA) and [Call2Recycle](#) have unveiled what the four groups are calling a model bill for battery recycling.

The four groups say that for the first time battery interest groups have joined forces to take shared responsibility for the collection and recycling of all used primary, or single-use, batteries and rechargeable batteries. The model bill only covers consumer batteries.

The groups introduced the model bill at the Product Stewardship Institute's National Batteries Stewardship Dialogue Meeting, June 11-12 in Hartford, Connecticut.

"This groundbreaking initiative, led by CBR member companies, Energizer, Duracell and Panasonic, exemplifies our commitment to addressing the environmental and business challenges of battery recycling," says Marc Boolish, president of CBR.

Following the recent passage of Vermont House Bill 695 <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2014/bills/Intro/H-695.pdf> that established the nation's first single-use battery stewardship requirement, the groups' model bill is designed to create a framework for managing both single-use and rechargeable batteries at end of life. The bill would require all battery producers to be compliant and provides a vehicle for producers of products that contain or are sold with primary batteries to work with suppliers to satisfy compliance obligations. The bill is expected to be introduced in selected state legislatures in 2015, according to the organizations behind it.

"We commend the industry in working together to further battery recycling awareness," says Carl Smith, CEO and president of Call2Recycle. "By offering a comprehensive solution for all batteries, consumers benefit with less confusion."

"This is a prime example of industries and government working collaboratively toward a product stewardship solution that will have far-reaching benefits," says Scott Cassel, founder and CEO of the Product Stewardship Institute. "A combined single-use and rechargeable product stewardship bill is groundbreaking and will help increase consumer convenience, protect the environment, boost state and regional economies and save money for both governments and the battery industries."

The model bill can be accessed at [www.call2recycle.org/wp-content/uploads/Model\\_All\\_Battery\\_Bill.pdf](http://www.call2recycle.org/wp-content/uploads/Model_All_Battery_Bill.pdf).



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