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LCO No. 1767



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING MULTI-STREAM RECYCLING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-241b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) (1) On or before February 1, 1988, the Commissioner of Energy
4 and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations in accordance
5 with the provisions of chapter 54 designating items that are required to
6 be recycled. The commissioner may designate other items as suitable for
7 recycling and amend such regulations accordingly.

8 (2) On or before October 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Energy and
9 Environmental Protection shall amend the regulations adopted
10 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to expand the list of
11 designated recyclable items to add (A) containers of three gallons or less
12 made of polyethylene terephthalate plastic and high-density
13 polyethylene plastic, and (B) additional types of paper, including, but
14 not limited to, boxboard, magazines, residential high-grade white paper
15 and colored ledger.

16 (3) On or before August 1, 2021, the commissioner shall amend the
17 regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to
18 prescribe the manner and method for separation of certain designated
19 recyclable items from other designated recyclable items for the purpose
20 of the residential and nonresidential separation of such items from other
21 solid waste items and for the purpose of the subsequent municipal
22 recycling of each such item. In prescribing the separation of certain
23 designated recyclable items from other designated recyclable items, the
24 commissioner shall consider the need to separate any such designated
25 recyclable item from other designated recyclable items for the purpose
26 of generating marketable recycled materials.

27 (b) Any designated recyclable item shall be recycled by a
28 municipality within six months of the availability of service to such
29 municipality by a regional processing center or local processing system.

30 (c) Each person who generates solid waste from residential property
31 shall, in accordance with subsection (f) of section 22a-220, separate from
32 other solid waste the items designated for recycling pursuant to
33 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

34 (d) Every person who generates solid waste from a property other
35 than a residential property shall, in accordance with subsection (f) of
36 section 22a-220, make provision for and cause the separation from other
37 solid waste of the items designated for recycling pursuant to
38 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section through the use of one or
39 more collection containers for designated recyclable items that are
40 separate from the collection containers for other solid waste. Collection
41 containers that have been used for the collection of solid waste may be
42 converted to containers for the collection of designated recyclable items
43 by labeling or other means to identify that such container is dedicated
44 to collecting designated recyclable items. On and after July 1, 2012, the
45 provisions of this subsection shall also apply to items designated for
46 recycling pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

47 (e) No person shall knowingly combine previously segregated

48 designated recyclable items with other solid waste.

49 (f) For the purposes of this section, "boxboard" means a lightweight
50 paperboard made from a variety of recovered fibers having sufficient
51 folding properties and thickness to be used to manufacture folding or
52 set-up boxes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-241b

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for multi-stream recycling in order to establish marketable streams for recycled materials and lessen the effects of such materials on the state's solid waste stream.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]