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Raised Bill No. 5352

LCO No. 1940



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE TIRE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 22a-905i of the 2024
2 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) Each stewardship organization shall establish and implement a
5 system for financing the tire stewardship program that covers [, but
6 does not exceed,] the costs of developing the plan described in
7 subsection (c) of this section, operating and administering the program
8 described in subsection (b) of this section and maintaining a financial
9 reserve for six months sufficient to operate such program. Each
10 stewardship organization shall maintain all records relating to the tire
11 stewardship program for a period of not less than three years. Funding
12 of such program may be through a fee structure.

13 (e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
14 approve a plan for the establishment of a tire stewardship program,
15 provided such plan meets the requirements of subsections (b) to (d),

16 inclusive, of this section. Prior to making any such determination, the
17 commissioner shall post the plan on the Department of Energy and
18 Environmental Protection's Internet web site and solicit public
19 comments on the plan. Such solicitation shall not be conducted pursuant
20 to chapter 54. Not later than ninety days after submission of the plan
21 pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall make a determination
22 whether to approve the plan. In the event that the commissioner
23 disapproves the plan because it does not meet the requirements of
24 subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section, the commissioner shall
25 describe the reasons for the disapproval in a notice of determination that
26 the commissioner shall provide to the tire stewardship organization.
27 Such tire stewardship organization shall revise and resubmit the plan to
28 the commissioner not later than forty-five days after receipt of the
29 commissioner's notice of disapproval. Not later than forty-five days
30 after receipt of the revised plan, the commissioner shall review and
31 approve or disapprove the revised plan and provide a notice of
32 determination to the tire stewardship organization. Such stewardship
33 organization may resubmit a revised plan to the commissioner for
34 approval on not more than two occasions. If the tire stewardship
35 organization fails to submit a plan that is acceptable to the commissioner
36 because it does not meet the requirements of subsections (b) to (d),
37 inclusive, of this section, the commissioner shall modify a submitted
38 plan to make it conform to the requirements of subsections (b) to (d),
39 inclusive, of this section and approve it. Not later than one hundred
40 [twenty] eighty days after the approval of a plan pursuant to this
41 section, the tire stewardship organization shall implement the tire
42 stewardship program.

43 Sec. 2. Subsection (q) of section 22a-905i of the 2024 supplement to the
44 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
45 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

46 (q) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
47 assess a reasonable fee to any tire stewardship organization, not to
48 exceed [ten] five per cent of total program costs, for administration of
49 the applicable tire stewardship program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-905i(d) and (e)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-905i(q)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a tire stewardship organization with more time to begin the tire stewardship program after the plan is approved, to reduce allowable administrative fees for the tire stewardship program and to allow a surplus for the tire stewardship program to avoid cash flow problems.

[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.]