



Substitute Senate Bill No. 1143

Public Act No. 23-177

**AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 22a-228 and 22a-241a of the general statutes, respectively, any proposed revision to the state-wide solid waste management plan or the Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy shall be submitted by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment for approval prior to implementation of any such revision. Upon receipt of any such proposed revision, said committee shall hold a public hearing on any such proposed revision not later than fifteen days after such receipt. Not later than thirty days after such receipt, said committee may meet to vote to approve, reject or amend such proposed revision. In the event said committee rejects any such proposed revision, the commissioner may file such rejected proposed revision with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate for consideration of the approval, by resolution, of such rejected proposed revision by the members of the General Assembly. If the General Assembly is in session, it shall vote to approve or reject such rejected proposed revision not later than thirty days after the date of filing. If the General Assembly is not in

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session when such rejected proposed revision is filed, it shall be submitted to the General Assembly not later than ten days after the first day of the next regular session or special session called for such purpose. The rejected proposed revision shall be deemed rejected by the General Assembly if the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject such proposed revision not later than thirty days after such filing.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any dealer may provide for the placement of a recycling receptacle at such dealer's place of business for the collection of any beverage container that is rejected by any reverse vending machine installed and maintained by such dealer. For the purposes of this section, "dealer", "beverage container" and "reverse vending machine" have the same meanings as provided in section 22a-243 of the general statutes.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall issue a request for information to obtain information on systems for the processing of solid waste that is generated in the state and that is not otherwise diverted from the state's solid waste stream in accordance with the provisions of the state-wide solid waste management plan and the Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy. Such request for information shall seek information on such systems that include, but are not limited to, gasification systems that convert such solid waste into gas through a chemical reaction that does not consist of burning. Such request for information shall not seek information on systems that provide either for the incineration or combustion of solid waste or any form of landfilling of such solid waste. Such request for information shall require the receipt of such information by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection not later than November 15, 2023. Any presentation of materials in relation to such request for information shall be made to the commissioner not later than January 15, 2024. Not later than February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall submit a report, in

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accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment that includes recommendations for the issuance of a request for proposals concerning such systems that is based on the commissioner's review of all information received in connection with such request for information. In forming such recommendations, the commissioner shall additionally consider the: (1) Potential environmental impacts of any such system to the air, water and soils of the state, (2) consistency of any such system with the greenhouse gas emissions goals of the state, (3) municipal costs potentially associated with the utilization of any such system for the processing of solid waste in the state, (4) effectiveness of any such system to process all solid waste in the state that is not otherwise diverted from the state's solid waste stream, (5) ability to convert any existing state owned or operated facility to utilize any such system without state subsidization of such conversion and while substantially decreasing any environmental or public health impacts of such converted facility to any environmental justice community, and (6) reasonable likelihood of siting one or more facilities that utilize any such system in a community other than an environmental justice community.