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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014 to create a rebate for the purchase of home composting systems for District residents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Residential Composting Incentives Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014, effective February 26, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-154; D.C. Official Code § 8–1031.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 101 (D.C. Official Code § 8–1031.01) is amended by adding a new paragraph (8A) to read as follows:

“(8A) “Home composting system” means containers, bins, tumblers, and other equipment used to facilitate composting on residential property.”.

(b) New sections 112a and 112b are added to read as follows:

“Sec. 112a. Home composting systems rebate.

“(a) There is established a Home Composting Incentive Program (“Program”), to be administered by the Mayor, to encourage the purchase and installation of home composting systems on residential property in the District.

32 “(b) To be eligible for the rebate provided for in this section, a property owners or lessee
33 shall:

34 “(1) After the effective date of the Residential Composting Incentives
35 Amendment Act of 2017, as introduced on DATE, 2017 (Bill 22-XXX), purchase and install a
36 home composting system;

37 “(2) Complete an in-person training provided by the Department of Public Works
38 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

39 “(3) Submit a rebate claim in accordance with the Program rules promulgated
40 pursuant to section 114(a-1),; and

41 “(4) Meet all additional requirements and criteria provided for in Program rules
42 promulgated pursuant to section 114(a-1).

43 “(c)(1) Upon arrival of a rebate claim submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this
44 section, the Program shall provide a rebate of up to \$75 per individual for the purchase of a home
45 composting system; provided, that the amount of the rebate shall not be more than the purchase
46 price of the home composting system.

47 “(2) The Mayor may create a sliding scale for the rebate that correlates with the
48 price of different home composting systems.

49 “(3) Rebates shall be contingent upon the availability of funds.

50 “(d) The Department of Public Works shall provide, either in-house or through a
51 contractor, an in-person training for District residents on proper handling and processing of
52 organic materials into compost.

53 “(e) Any rebate or voucher issued under this section shall not be considered income for
54 purposes of District of Columbia income tax.

55 “Sec. 112b. Residential Composting.

56 “A person may compost on their property; provided, that that the composting is
57 conducted in a manner which will not promote the propagation, harborage, or attraction of
58 vectors, or the creation of public nuisances.”.

59 (c) Section 114 (D.C. Official Code § 8-1031.14) is amended by adding a new subsection
60 (a-1) to read as follows:

61 “(a-1) Within one year of the effective date of the Residential Composting Incentives
62 Amendment Act of 2017, as introduced on DATE, 2017 (Bill 22-XXX), the Mayor, pursuant to
63 Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82
64 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), shall issue rules to implement sections 112a and
65 112b.”.

66 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

67 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
68 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
69 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

70 Sec. 4. Effective date.

71 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
72 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
73 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
74 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
75 Columbia Register.