

HOUSE BILL 3364

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 211, relative to solid waste disposal.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 68-211-125.

(a) The department of environment and conservation and the state solid waste disposal control board shall demonstrate specific compliance with the mandates of Chapter 462 of the Public Acts of 2007 before any final vote is taken by the state solid waste disposal control board on any action concerning proposed solid waste regulation including passage, deferral or rejection.

(b) The department and board shall consider the following:

(1) Costs of cleaning up existing water pollution at landfills and possible future pollution including the more than fifty (50) active landfills or closed landfills on the list for groundwater assessment;

(2) The specific strategies for diversion of food waste, yard waste, and unrecycled paper through composting and their costs and also avoided costs that would be incurred if water is polluted by food waste or yard waste;

(3) How to target the waste stream in the twenty (20), thirty (30) and forty (40) largest counties as well as food waste, yard waste, and unrecycled paper from specific generators such as fast food restaurants, food stores, hospitals, and residences; and

(4) Possible changes in regulations and statutes to allow food waste to be composted or fed to animals and if such is an acceptable use.

(c) Such planning and research shall be completed by the department within the existing funds appropriated for Chapter 462 of the Public Acts of 2007 which has supported extensive travel, meetings, staff support, and research.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.