



An Act Establishing A Policy For The State Purchase Of Environmentally Preferable Products.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section, "environmentally
2 preferable" means, with regard to products, services or practices, that
3 they have a lesser or reduced negative effect on human health and the
4 environment when compared to competing products, services or
5 practices that serve the same function. In determining if a product is
6 environmentally preferable, consideration may be given to raw
7 materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging,
8 distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product.
9 "Environmentally preferable products" includes both recycled and
10 recyclable products.

11 (b) Within available appropriations, the Department of
12 Administrative Services shall establish procedures that promote, to the
13 greatest extent feasible, the state-wide procurement and use of
14 recycled products and environmentally preferable products and
15 services. The department shall: (1) Designate environmentally
16 preferable products and establish minimum standards and
17 specifications for their procurement and use; (2) when feasible, include
18 the use of environmentally preferable products and services as a
19 criteria in a multiple criteria bid or an evaluation factor in requests for
20 proposals; and (3) consider the use of environmentally preferable

21 business practices when reviewing the overall performance of a bidder
22 or proposer's business operation.

23 (c) Within available appropriations, the department shall: (1)
24 Develop and maintain information about environmentally preferable
25 products and services and recycled products; (2) provide
26 implementation assistance and information to agencies about the use
27 of environmentally preferable products and services; and (3) monitor
28 the use of environmentally preferable products and services and
29 recycled products by state agencies.

30 Sec. 2. Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

32 (a) Any car or light duty truck purchased by the state shall [have a
33 manufacturer's estimated mileage rating as follows: On and after July
34 1, 1993, at least twenty-nine miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage
35 rating for cars and at least twenty-four miles per gallon highway
36 gasoline mileage rating for light duty trucks; on and after January 1,
37 1997, at least thirty-eight miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage
38 rating for cars and at least thirty miles per gallon highway gasoline
39 mileage rating for light duty trucks and on and after January 1, 2000, at
40 least forty-five miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for
41 cars and at least thirty-five miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage
42 rating for light duty trucks] (1) on and after October 1, 2000, have a
43 United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway
44 gasoline mileage rating of at least thirty miles per gallon and on and
45 after January 1, 2002, have a United States Environmental Protection
46 Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least thirty-
47 five miles per gallon, and (2) comply with the requirements set forth in
48 10 CFR 490 concerning the percentage of alternative fueled vehicles
49 required in the state motor vehicle fleet. The alternative fueled vehicles
50 purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be
51 capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system
52 acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on
53 fuel that is available in the state.

54 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
55 cars or light duty trucks purchased for law enforcement or other
56 special use purposes as designated by the Department of
57 Administrative Services or to cars or light duty trucks purchased by
58 the state and intended for conversion into natural gas or electric-
59 powered vehicles.

60 (c) As used in this section, the terms "car" and "light duty truck"
61 shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy
62 Publication DOE/CE -0019/8, or any successor publication.

63 [(d) At least ten per cent of all cars and light duty trucks purchased
64 by the state in calendar years 1993 and 1994 for purposes other than
65 law enforcement or other special use purposes as designated by the
66 Department of Administrative Services shall be powered by
67 combustion of natural gas or electricity. The provisions of this
68 subsection shall not apply during any period for which the
69 Commissioner of Administrative Services provides a written
70 certification to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
71 that a suitable natural gas refueling infrastructure is not available or is
72 otherwise not feasible, or, in the case of electric-powered vehicles, that
73 such vehicles are not available in sufficient numbers or at a reasonable
74 cost provided any such certification shall be made quarterly and
75 provided further the commissioner shall implement the provisions of
76 this subsection upon the earliest availability of such infrastructure.]

77 Sec. 3. Section 4a-67e of the general statutes is repealed and the
78 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

79 [On and after August 1, 1994, all] All recycled xerographic or copy
80 paper purchased by the state for use in state offices shall meet the
81 applicable minimum recycled content standards established in federal
82 Executive Order No. 12873, and any regulations or guidelines
83 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to
84 carry out the purposes of said order, for purchase of paper by the
85 federal government provided such paper shall have a composition

86 such that at least [ten] thirty per cent of the fiber material used to
87 produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper.
88 Any recycled white paper used for state lottery tickets and tax return
89 forms shall meet the standards provided therein for xerographic copy
90 paper provided at least ten per cent of the fiber material used to
91 produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper
92 and further provided the recycled paper for lottery tickets meets
93 lottery security requirements. On and after January 1, 1994, tax return
94 booklets prepared by the Department of Revenue Services shall be
95 printed on recycled paper which meets the minimum recycled content
96 standards for white paper or newsprint, whichever is used in such
97 booklets, established by the United States Environmental Protection
98 Agency provided at least [ten] thirty per cent of the fiber material used
99 to produce such white paper is derived from postconsumer recovered
100 paper.

ENV Committee Vote: Yea 24 Nay 0 JFS

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 0 JF