



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 743

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Substitute House Bill No. 6199

House of Representatives, May 10, 2001

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. DAVIS of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF COMPUTERS AND MONITORS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) No person may place in mixed municipal solid
2 waste, as defined in section 22a-207a of the general statutes, or discard
3 or otherwise dispose of computer hardware, cathode ray monitors or
4 peripheral computer devices that contain materials that are excluded
5 by law from municipal solid waste.

6 Sec. 2. (NEW) On or before July 1, 2001, the Commissioner of
7 Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, and may adopt
8 emergency regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
9 of the general statutes, which implement a universal waste rule that
10 conforms with the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of
11 1976, 42 USC 6901.

12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Environmental Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State and Municipal Impact:

No fiscal impact is anticipated from the provisions of this bill concerning disposal of personal computers and monitors. Although the legislation prohibits placing computer hardware, cathode ray monitors or peripheral computer devices that contain materials that are banned from solid waste in mixed municipal solid waste, there are no enforcement provisions or penalties associated with the legislation.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is currently developing regulations which implement a universal waste rule. It is anticipated that they will go to public hearing within the next few months. The agency plans to go to notice in June. They are currently waiting for approval from the Attorney General. Requiring the regulations to be adopted by July, will result in the DEP having to do emergency regulations and then follow-up with permanent regulations. This will result in additional minimal costs to the DEP or diversion of staff from current duties for 1/12 man year.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND MONITORS.**SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits placing the following in mixed municipal solid waste (e.g., household garbage): computer hardware, cathode ray monitors, and peripheral computer devices containing any material legally banned from solid waste. It also prohibits discarding or otherwise disposing of these devices. Such devices frequently contain lead and other hazardous materials.

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt regulations (which can be emergency regulations) by July 1, 2001 to implement a universal waste rule conforming to the federal law that governs hazardous waste. Existing state law required DEP to publish notice of intent to adopt such regulations by July 1, 1999 for thermostats, batteries, and pesticides. Under the federal law, a universal waste rule provides alternative management standards for specified potentially hazardous wastes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

On April 24, the House referred the bill (File 344) to the Planning and Development Committee. On April 25, that committee reported the bill favorably (1) adding the universal waste rule provision and (2) making the bill effective upon passage rather than on October 1, 2001.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0