



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6953**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASES BY STATE AGENCIES.**

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 such products, services or practices have a lesser or reduced negative  
4 effect on human health and the environment when compared to  
5 competing products, services or practices that serve the same function.  
6 "Environmentally preferable products" includes both recycled and  
7 recyclable products.

8 (b) Within available appropriations, the Department of  
9 Administrative Services shall establish procedures that promote, to the  
10 greatest extent feasible, the procurement and use of recycled products  
11 and environmentally preferable products and services by state  
12 agencies. The department shall: (1) Designate environmentally  
13 preferable products, taking into consideration the raw materials  
14 acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse,  
15 operation, maintenance or disposal aspects of the product, and  
16 establish minimum standards and specifications for their procurement  
17 and use; (2) when feasible, include the use of environmentally  
18 preferable products and services as a criteria in a multiple criteria bid  
19 or an evaluation factor in requests for proposals; and (3) consider the

20 use of environmentally preferable business practices when reviewing  
21 the overall performance of a bidder or proposer's business operation.  
22 Such procedures shall not be considered "regulations", as defined in  
23 section 4-166 of the general statutes.

24 (c) Within available appropriations, the department shall: (1)  
25 Develop and maintain information about environmentally preferable  
26 products and services and recycled products; (2) provide assistance  
27 with the implementation of the procedures developed pursuant to  
28 subsection (b) of this section and provide information to agencies  
29 about the use of environmentally preferable products and services; and  
30 (3) monitor the use of environmentally preferable products and  
31 services and recycled products by state agencies.

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 Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

34 (a) [Any car] The fleet average for cars or light duty [truck] trucks  
35 purchased by the state shall: [have a manufacturer's estimated mileage  
36 rating as follows: On and after July 1, 1993, at least twenty-nine miles  
37 per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for cars and at least  
38 twenty-four miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for light  
39 duty trucks; on and after January 1, 1997, at least thirty-eight miles per  
40 gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for cars and at least thirty  
41 miles per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for light duty trucks  
42 and on and after January 1, 2000, at least forty-five miles per gallon  
43 highway gasoline mileage rating for cars and at least thirty-five miles  
44 per gallon highway gasoline mileage rating for light duty trucks] (1)  
45 On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States Environmental  
46 Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at  
47 least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1, 2003, have  
48 a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway  
49 gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon, and (2)  
50 comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the  
51 percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor  
52 vehicle fleet. The alternative-fueled vehicles purchased by the state to

53 comply with said requirements shall be capable of operating on  
54 natural gas or electricity or any other system acceptable to the United  
55 States Department of Energy that operates on fuel that is available in  
56 the state.

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

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

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

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

82 [On and after August 1, 1994, all] All recycled xerographic or copy  
83 paper purchased by the state for use in state offices shall meet the  
84 applicable minimum recycled content standards established in federal

85 Executive Order No. 12873, and any regulations or guidelines  
86 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to  
87 carry out the purposes of said order, for purchase of paper by the  
88 federal government provided such paper shall have a composition  
89 such that at least ten per cent of the fiber material used to produce  
90 such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper. Any  
91 recycled white paper used for state lottery tickets and tax return forms  
92 shall meet the standards provided therein for xerographic copy paper  
93 provided at least [ten] thirty per cent of the fiber material used to  
94 produce such paper is derived from postconsumer recovered paper  
95 and further provided the recycled paper for lottery tickets meets  
96 lottery security requirements. [On and after January 1, 1994,] All tax  
97 return booklets prepared by the Department of Revenue Services shall  
98 be printed on recycled paper which meets the minimum recycled  
99 content standards for white paper or newsprint, whichever is used in  
100 such booklets, established by the United States Environmental  
101 Protection Agency provided at least ten per cent of the fiber material  
102 used to produce such white paper is derived from postconsumer  
103 recovered paper.

104 Sec. 4. Subdivision (110) of section 12-412 of the general statutes is  
105 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

106 (110) On and after [July] January 1, 2000, and prior to July 1, 2002,  
107 the sale of any passenger car that has a United States Environmental  
108 Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at  
109 least [fifty] forty-five miles per gallon.

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