



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 454**

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House Bill No. 6404

*House of Representatives, April 11, 2007*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. CARUSO of the 126th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF HYDRAULIC LOADING OR UNLOADING EQUIPMENT AT CERTAIN SOLID WASTE FACILITIES.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Each owner or operator  
2 of a solid waste, recycling or resources recovery facility, as such terms  
3 are defined in section 22a-207 of the general statutes, shall have,  
4 during such times as solid waste is being moved with hydraulic  
5 loading or unloading equipment, at least two employees of the facility  
6 familiar with the operation of such equipment present in the work area  
7 in which such equipment is being operated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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**LAB**      *Joint Favorable C/R*

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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (quasi-public)	Cost	Potential	Potential

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential	Potential

**Explanation**

The requirements in the bill requiring at least two employees being present in work areas at solid waste, recycling, or resources recovery facilities, could potentially result in additional employee costs. Additional costs would be passed on either directly or indirectly onto Connecticut Resources Recovery (CRRRA) project town ratepayers. The extent of any additional costs is not known at this time.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6404*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF HYDRAULIC LOADING OR UNLOADING EQUIPMENT AT CERTAIN SOLID WASTE FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires each owner or operator of a solid waste, recycling, or resources recovery facility to have at least two employees present in the work area whenever solid waste is being moved with hydraulic loading or unloading equipment. The bill applies to solid waste, recycling, or resources recovery facilities as defined in law, and requires the employees to be familiar with how the equipment operates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

**BACKGROUND*****Waste Facility Definitions***

The statutes define these terms as follows:

1. A "solid waste facility" is any solid waste disposal area, volume reduction plant, transfer station, wood-burning facility, or biomedical waste treatment facility.
2. A "recycling facility" or "recycling center" means land, equipment, and structures where recycling is conducted, including an intermediate processing center (as defined in § 22a-260).
3. A "resources recovery facility" means a facility using processes to reclaim energy from municipal solid waste (CGS § 22a-207).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 8 Nay 1 (03/01/2007)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 4 (03/28/2007)