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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS RECYCLING AUTHORITY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The following terms, as used
2 in section 2 of this act, shall have the indicated meanings unless the
3 context in which they are used demands a different meaning and
4 intent:

5 (1) "Electronic products" means televisions, desktop computer
6 central processing units and monitors and laptop computers;

7 (2) "Authority" means the Connecticut Electronic Products
8 Recycling Authority created and established pursuant to section 2 of
9 this act or any board, body, commission, department, officer, agency or
10 other successor thereto;

11 (3) "Electronic waste" means discarded electronic products; and

12 (4) "Manufacturer" means a manufacturer of electronic products
13 sold in Connecticut.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There is established a
15 Connecticut Electronic Products Recycling Authority, which shall be
16 within an existing state agency or quasi-public agency designated by
17 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The authority, in
18 consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall
19 establish and implement a program for the collection and recycling of
20 electronic waste.

21 (b) The authority may: (1) Assess and collect fees from
22 manufacturers as necessary to cover the cost of developing and
23 implementing such program, including, but not limited to, the cost of
24 collection, recycling, consumer education and administration. These
25 fees shall be paid by manufacturers of electronic products
26 proportionate to their market share of electronic products sold in
27 Connecticut, as determined by the authority; (2) require manufacturers
28 of electronic products sold in Connecticut to report annually on sales
29 of electronic products and the quantity of electronic waste from
30 Connecticut that such manufacturer may have otherwise collected and
31 recycled.

32 (c) On or after July 1, 2009, any manufacturer who fails to comply
33 with the provisions of the program established pursuant to subsection
34 (a) of this section shall be prohibited from offering for sale any
35 electronic products in Connecticut.

36 (d) On or after July 1, 2010, no person or municipality shall dispose
37 of any electronic waste in a landfill or resource recovery facility, or
38 place any electronic waste into a disposal system to be taken to a
39 landfill or resource recovery facility.

40 (e) On or before July 1, 2009, and biennially thereafter, the electronic
41 products recycling authority shall report to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to the environment and to the Commissioner of
44 Environmental Protection concerning the capture rate of electronic
45 waste that is recycled.

46 (f) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may, in
47 consultation with the authority, adopt regulations, in accordance with
48 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the
49 purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the Connecticut Electronic Products Recycling Authority to establish and implement a program for the collection and recycling of electronic waste.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]