



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5144

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION
MEDICATIONS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WASTE WATER
TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, on or after October 1, 2008, no person
3 shall dispose of any prescription medication to a public or private
4 waste water treatment facility. For the purposes of this section,
5 "person" means a hospital, nursing home or other private or public
6 institution.

7 (b) Not later than August 31, 2008, the Department of
8 Environmental Protection shall compile a list of prescription
9 medications that are subject to the prohibition of subsection (a) of this
10 section and shall publish such list on the department's Internet web
11 site, and shall expand and update such list annually thereafter.

12 (c) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may adopt
13 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
14 general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

15 (d) Any person who violates or fails to comply with the provisions
16 of this section shall be fined not more than thirty thousand dollars for
17 each incidence of noncompliance. Prior to imposing any penalty
18 pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner of Environmental
19 Protection shall notify the person of the alleged violation and the
20 accompanying penalty, and such person may request, not later than
21 fifteen days after receipt of the notice of violation from the department,
22 that the department review its findings. The department shall stay the
23 imposition of any penalty pending the outcome of the review. The
24 commissioner may impose a penalty upon a person pursuant to this
25 subsection regardless of whether a change in ownership of the person
26 has taken place since the time of the violation, provided the
27 department issued notice of the alleged violation and the
28 accompanying penalty prior to the effective date of the change in
29 ownership and record of such notice is readily available in a central
30 registry maintained by the department. Payments of fines received
31 pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the General Fund and
32 credited to the Clean Water Fund established in section 22a-477 of the
33 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent the disposal of prescription medications to waste water treatment facilities so that they do not pass through the aquatic environment and enter the food chain.

[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.]