



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6554

House of Representatives, April 2, 2009

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY, R. of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section "recyclables" means any item designated for recycling
3 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 22a-241b of the general statutes,
4 "solid waste" has the same meaning as in section 22a-207 of the general
5 statutes, but excluding recyclables, and "solid waste facility" has the
6 same meaning as in section 22a-207 of the general statutes.

7 (b) No person engaged in the business of collection and
8 transportation of solid waste from a residential property may require a
9 private resident of a municipality to contract with such person for both
10 the collection of solid waste and the collection of recyclables if (1) the
11 municipality where such resident resides has a solid waste facility
12 where such resident may dispose of such recyclables or solid waste; or
13 (2) such resident has contracted with a different person engaged in
14 such business for either the collection of recyclables or of solid waste.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

ENV *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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits certain solid waste and recyclable collectors from requiring private residents to contract with them under certain circumstances, and has no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6554*****AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits trash collectors and haulers who collect and transport residential solid waste and recyclables from requiring residents to contract for both the collection of the solid waste and recyclables if the

1. town where the customer lives has a solid waste facility to which he may bring his recyclables or trash or
2. resident has contracted with a different collector or hauler to collect either his trash or recyclables.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

BACKGROUND***Recyclables***

Items that must be recycled are cardboard, glass and metal food containers, leaves, newspaper and office paper, scrap metal, storage batteries, and waste oil (Conn. Agency Regs. § 22a-241b-2 (1)).

Solid Waste

Solid waste is unwanted or discarded solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material, including demolition debris, material burned or otherwise processed at a resources recovery facility or incinerator, material processed at a recycling facility, and sludges or other residue from a water pollution abatement facility, water supply treatment facility, or air pollution control facility (CGS 22a-207 (3)).

Solid Waste Facility

A solid waste facility is a solid waste disposal area, volume reduction plant, transfer station, wood-burning facility, or biomedical waste treatment facility (CGS § 22a-207 (4)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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