



# Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 387

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE AT JUNKYARDS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2011, the  
2 Commissioners of Transportation and Motor Vehicles, in consultation  
3 with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, shall submit a  
4 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
5 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment concerning  
7 the adequacy of the regulation of junkyards, as defined in section 13a-  
8 123c of the general statutes and motor vehicle recycler's yards, as  
9 described in section 14-67g of the general statutes. Such report shall  
10 include, but not be limited to: (1) An analysis of whether the regulation  
11 of such junkyards and motor vehicle recycler's yards is adequate to  
12 protect the environment and public health, (2) recommendations to  
13 enhance compliance with any such regulation by such junkyards and  
14 motor vehicle recycler's yards, including, but not limited to, ways to

15 strengthen and expedite enforcement actions against noncompliant  
16 junkyards and motor vehicle recycler's yards, and (3) a  
17 recommendation on whether the regulation of such junkyards and  
18 motor vehicle recycler's yards should be the responsibility of the  
19 Department of Environmental Protection.

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

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The reporting requirements mandated by the bill would not result in additional costs to the Departments of Motor Vehicles and Transportation.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 387*****AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE AT JUNKYARDS. AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE AT JUNKYARDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the transportation and motor vehicles commissioners, in consultation with the environmental protection commissioner, to submit to the Environment Committee a report concerning the adequacy of junkyard and motor vehicle recycler's yard regulations by January 1, 2011. The report must (1) analyze the adequacy of environmental and public health protections; (2) make recommendations to enhance compliance, including strengthening and expediting enforcement actions; and (3) make recommendations about whether the Department of Environmental Protection should oversee junkyards and motor vehicle recycler's yards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Junkyards and Motor Vehicle Recycler's Yards***

A "junkyard" is an establishment or place of business which is maintained, used, or operated for storing, keeping, buying, or selling junk, or for the maintenance or operation of an automobile graveyard, garbage dumps, and sanitary fills.

A "motor vehicle recycler's business" or "motor vehicle recycler's yard" includes any business and any place of storage or deposit storing (1) two or more unregistered motor vehicles no longer intended, or in condition, for legal use on the public highways; (2) used parts of motor vehicles; (3) old iron, metal, glass, paper, cordage, or other waste; or (4) discarded or secondhand material, which has

been or was intended to be a part of motor vehicle, that equals in bulk two or more motor vehicles.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

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