



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5146

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The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ALBIS of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RECYCLING AND THE REDUCTION OF LITTER AT PUBLIC BALLFIELDS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-241k of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Generated" means sold or given away at a common gathering
5 venue; and

6 (2) "Common gathering venue" means any area or building, or
7 portion thereof, that is open to the public, including, but not limited to,
8 any (A) building that provides facilities or shelter for public assembly,
9 (B) inn, hotel, motel, sports arena, ballfields, supermarket,
10 transportation terminal, retail store, restaurant or other commercial
11 establishment that provides services or retails merchandise, or (C)
12 museum, hospital, auditorium, movie theater or university building.

13 (b) Each common gathering venue where designated recyclable
 14 items may be generated while the public congregates at such venue
 15 and that provides for the collection of solid waste shall provide
 16 recycling receptacles for the collection of any designated recyclable
 17 items generated at such venue, provided nothing in this section shall
 18 be construed to require an owner or operator of such venue, or the
 19 municipality where such venue is located, to provide such recycling
 20 receptacles whenever such receptacles are provided by another person
 21 pursuant to contract. Such recycling receptacles shall be as accessible
 22 to the public and at the same locations as trash receptacles. Any
 23 existing trash receptacle may be converted to a recycling receptacle by
 24 labeling or other means appropriate to identify that such receptacle is
 25 dedicated to the collection of designated recyclable items.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	22a-241k

ENV *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

The bill adds ballfields to the list of common gathering venues that must, under certain circumstances, provide for recycling receptacles.

There is no cost to municipalities if there is no selling or giving away of recyclable items, or if they are not providing trash collection at the ballfields.

However, certain municipalities may incur minimal costs to provide recycling receptacles, in addition to pick-up and disposal at ballfields where there is currently trash collection, or where recyclable items are provided.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5146*****AN ACT CONCERNING RECYCLING AND THE REDUCTION OF LITTER AT PUBLIC BALLFIELDS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifically adds ballfields to the list of common gathering venues that must, under certain circumstances, provide for recycling receptacles.

By law, recycling receptacles must be available in any area or building, or portion of it, that (1) is open to the public, (2) may have designated recyclable items sold or given away when the public is there, and (3) provides for solid waste collection. Current law applies the requirement, but does not limit it, to any:

1. building with facilities or shelter for public assembly;
2. inn, hotel, motel, sports arena, supermarket, transportation terminal, retail store, restaurant, or other commercial establishment providing services or retailing merchandise; or
3. museum, hospital, auditorium, movie theater, or university building.

The recycling receptacles must be publicly accessible and at the same locations as trash receptacles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (02/24/2016)