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LCO No. 754



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECYCLING OF CONSUMER
HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES.***

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

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 Section 22a-241b of the general statutes is repealed and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

3 (a) (1) On or before February 1, 1988, the Commissioner of Energy
4 and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations in accordance
5 with the provisions of chapter 54 designating items that are required to
6 be recycled. The commissioner may designate other items as suitable
7 for recycling and amend such regulations accordingly.

8 (2) On or before October 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Energy and
9 Environmental Protection shall amend the regulations adopted
10 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to expand the list of
11 designated recyclable items to add (A) containers of three gallons or
12 less made of polyethylene terephthalate plastic and high-density
13 polyethylene plastic, and (B) additional types of paper, including, but
14 not limited to, boxboard, magazines, residential high-grade white

15 paper and colored ledger.

16 (3) On or before October 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Energy and
17 Environmental Protection shall amend the regulations adopted
18 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to expand the list of
19 designated recyclable items to add consumer household batteries.

20 (b) Any designated recyclable item shall be recycled by a
21 municipality within six months of the availability of service to such
22 municipality by a regional processing center or local processing
23 system.

24 (c) Each person who generates solid waste from residential property
25 shall, in accordance with subsection (f) of section 22a-220, separate
26 from other solid waste the items designated for recycling pursuant to
27 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

28 (d) Every person who generates solid waste from a property other
29 than a residential property shall, in accordance with subsection (f) of
30 section 22a-220, make provision for and cause the separation from
31 other solid waste of the items designated for recycling pursuant to
32 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section through the use of one
33 or more collection containers for designated recyclable items that are
34 separate from the collection containers for other solid waste. Collection
35 containers that have been used for the collection of solid waste may be
36 converted to containers for the collection of designated recyclable
37 items by labeling or other means to identify that such container is
38 dedicated to collecting designated recyclable items. On and after July
39 1, 2012, the provisions of this subsection shall also apply to items
40 designated for recycling pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
41 of this section. On and after July 1, 2017, the provisions of this
42 subsection shall apply to items designated for recycling pursuant to
43 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section.

44 (e) No person shall knowingly combine previously segregated
45 designated recyclable items with other solid waste.

46 (f) For the purposes of this section, "boxboard" means a lightweight
47 paperboard made from a variety of recovered fibers having sufficient
48 folding properties and thickness to be used to manufacture folding or
49 set-up boxes; and "consumer household batteries" means any
50 nonnickel-cadmium battery that weighs two kilograms or less,
51 including, but not limited to, any alkaline, carbon-zinc or lithium metal
52 battery that is used or bought for use primarily for personal, family or
53 household purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	22a-241b

Statement of Purpose:

To add consumer household batteries to the list of designated recyclable items.

[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.]