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***Raised Bill No. 233***

LCO No. 1786



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A REDUCTION OF CONSUMER-BASED  
PACKAGING MATERIALS.***

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

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 Section 22a-241a of the general statutes is repealed and  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

3 (a) On or before July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Energy and  
4 Environmental Protection shall revise the state-wide solid waste  
5 management plan adopted pursuant to section 22a-228 to include a  
6 strategy for diverting, through source reduction, reuse and recycling,  
7 not less than sixty per cent of the solid waste generated in the state  
8 after January 1, 2024. Such strategy shall include, but not be limited to,  
9 modernization of solid waste management infrastructure throughout  
10 the state through the efforts of private, public and quasi-public entities,  
11 promotion of organic materials management, the recycling of  
12 construction and demolition debris, the development of intermediate  
13 processing centers, recommendations for the development of  
14 municipal or regional recycling programs, options for local compliance  
15 of municipalities with recycling requirements and the composting of

16 solid waste. The commissioner shall consult with municipalities in  
17 developing any revision to the state-wide solid waste management  
18 plan and with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on  
19 issues related to composting.

20 (b) On or before February 1, 2016, the commissioner shall submit  
21 such revised state-wide solid waste management plan to the joint  
22 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
23 matters relating to the environment. Not later than thirty days after  
24 receipt of such revised state-wide solid waste management plan, said  
25 committee may hold a public hearing on such plan. The commissioner,  
26 or the commissioner's designee, shall testify at any such public hearing  
27 and receive comments from the members of said committees  
28 concerning such proposals.

29 (c) On or before July 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Energy and  
30 Environmental Protection shall amend the revised state-wide solid  
31 waste management plan, described in subsection (a) of this section, to  
32 include a strategy for diverting, through source reduction, reuse and  
33 recycling, not less than fifty per cent of the consumer packaging  
34 generated as solid waste in the state on and after January 1, 2024. Such  
35 strategy shall include, but not be limited to, the establishment of  
36 performance targets to assure, at a minimum, achievement of such  
37 diversion on and after such date and the establishment of parameters  
38 to verify the achievement of such diversion, including, but not limited  
39 to, weight reduction. In developing such strategy, the commissioner  
40 shall consult with representatives of the consumer packaging industry  
41 to: (1) Identify opportunities for source reduction and increased  
42 recyclability and recycled content for such consumer packaging, and  
43 (2) assess the viability of establishing an industry-financed  
44 stewardship program for the collection, management and recycling of  
45 consumer packaging similar to the stewardship programs established  
46 pursuant to sections 22a-904a and 22a-905a. For purposes of this  
47 section, "consumer packaging" means any material, regardless of  
48 content or composition, that is used for the commercial, wholesale or

49 retail: (A) Shipping of any consumer goods, (B) immediate covering of  
50 any consumer goods, or (C) bundling of one or more consumer goods  
51 while displaying graphics, designs, labels or information to attract or  
52 inform the consumer; and "consumer goods" means goods that are  
53 used or bought for use primarily for personal, family or household  
54 purposes.

55 (d) On or before February 1, 2018, the commissioner shall submit the  
56 amendment to the revised state-wide solid waste management plan,  
57 described in subsection (c) of this section, to the joint standing  
58 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
59 relating to the environment. Not later than thirty days after receipt of  
60 such amendment to the revised state-wide solid waste management  
61 plan, said committee may hold a public hearing on such plan. The  
62 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall testify at any such  
63 public hearing and receive comments from the members of such  
64 committee concerning such proposals.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce the amount of consumer packaging in Connecticut's solid waste stream.

*[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.]*