



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 233**

February Session, 2016

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**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 Section 22a-255d of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
4 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, not [earlier] later  
5 than October 1, [1991] 2017, establishing standards and requirements,  
6 consistent with the provisions of the [state-wide solid waste  
7 management plan] Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy  
8 adopted pursuant to section [22a-228] 22a-241a, for (1) reducing the  
9 volume [or] and weight of [disposable] consumer packaging [material  
10 manufactured for domestic, commercial, industrial, government, or  
11 other use] in the state's solid waste stream; (2) [enhancing] increasing  
12 the recyclability of [disposable] consumer packaging; [material;] and  
13 (3) increasing the proportion of recycled [resources] materials used in  
14 the manufacture of consumer packaging. [material.] Regulations  
15 adopted under this section may (A) require labels indicating (i)  
16 whether such consumer packaging [material] is recyclable and the  
17 quantity of recycled material in [the] such packaging, if any, and (ii)  
18 whether any toxic substance is present in [the] such packaging; (B) set  
19 minimum standards for recycled content in classes of consumer

20 packaging; (C) establish guidelines or standards for refillable and  
 21 reusable [packages] consumer packaging for certain types of goods;  
 22 (D) establish guidelines or standards for packaging certain products in  
 23 recyclable [packages;] consumer packaging; and (E) prohibit or reduce  
 24 the use of substances in consumer packaging [material] to minimize  
 25 adverse impacts on the environment, such as the release of toxic  
 26 substances from [land disposal or] incineration. [; (F)] Such regulations  
 27 shall establish standards, including, but not limited to, performance  
 28 targets and parameters for verification of reductions in [for] the  
 29 volume [or] and weight of [classes of] consumer packaging in the  
 30 state's solid waste stream on and after January 1, 2024, of not less than  
 31 fifty per cent of such consumer packaging. [; and (G) establish  
 32 standards to minimize the content of toxic substances in printed  
 33 materials or products composed of plastics which are generally  
 34 disposed of in a resources recovery facility. Such regulations shall not  
 35 be inconsistent with preferred packaging guidelines issued by the  
 36 Coalition of Northeastern Governors Source Reduction Task Force or  
 37 regulations of the United States Food and Drug Administration or any  
 38 other federal regulatory agency.] For purposes of this section,  
 39 "consumer packaging" means any material, regardless of content or  
 40 composition, that is used for the commercial, wholesale or retail: (i)  
 41 Shipping of any consumer goods, (ii) immediate covering of any  
 42 consumer goods, or (iii) bundling of one or more consumer goods  
 43 while displaying graphics, designs, labels or information to attract or  
 44 inform the consumer; and "consumer goods" means goods that are  
 45 used or bought for use primarily for personal, family or household  
 46 purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-255d

**ENV** Joint Favorable Subst.