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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study methods for reducing, through source reduction, reuse and
5 recycling, consumer packaging that generates solid waste in the state.
6 The task force shall analyze and identify: (1) Strategies for improving
7 the efficacy of state, municipal and local solid waste recycling
8 infrastructures and systems; (2) consumer education and awareness
9 efforts aimed at increasing awareness of consumer packaging as solid
10 waste and reuse and recycling solutions for such packaging; (3)
11 existing methods employed in the consumer packaging and recycling
12 industry to reduce and minimize the amount, weight and volume of
13 consumer packaging that generates solid waste; (4) incentives for

14 consumer packaging producers to reduce the amount of such
15 packaging that they create; (5) opportunities to cost-effectively increase
16 the proportion of biodegradable, postconsumer recycled and
17 recyclable materials used in the manufacture of consumer packaging;
18 (6) strategies for achieving a reduction of not less than twenty-five per
19 cent of consumer packaging in the state's solid waste stream on and
20 after January 1, 2024, and decreasing municipal costs associated with
21 managing such waste stream through the implementation of: (A)
22 Alternative low-cost methods of managing and reducing consumer
23 packaging in an environmentally sustainable manner that additionally
24 yields economic benefits through the creation of job opportunities, or
25 (B) an extended producer responsibility program for consumer
26 packaging; (7) methodologies for measuring and verifying the
27 reduction described in subdivision (6) of this subsection; and (8)
28 incremental performance targets to assure achievement of the
29 reduction described in subdivision (6) of this subsection.

30 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

31 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
32 one of whom shall have expertise in the consumer packaging industry
33 and one of whom shall have expertise in state, municipal or local
34 recycling;

35 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
36 of whom shall have expertise in the solid waste management and
37 recycling industry, including public and private sector partnerships
38 that have resulted in reduced solid waste and increased recycling rates,
39 and one of whom shall have expertise in international extended
40 producer responsibility programs;

41 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
42 Representatives who shall have expertise in state, municipal or local
43 government;

44 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall
45 have expertise in strategies employed by other states to reduce

46 consumer packaging in the solid waste stream, including, but not
47 limited to, domestic extended producer responsibility programs;

48 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
49 Representatives who shall have expertise in developing effective
50 consumer awareness and education efforts that influence consumer
51 choices;

52 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall
53 have expertise in corporate policies concerning the development and
54 design of sustainable consumer packaging across commercial sectors,
55 including, but not limited to, considerations of industry-wide safety
56 and shipping standards; and

57 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
58 the commissioner's designee.

59 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
60 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
61 of the General Assembly.

62 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
63 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
64 filled by the appointing authority.

65 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
66 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
67 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
68 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
69 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

70 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
71 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
72 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

73 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a
74 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
75 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

76 relating to the environment, in accordance with the provisions of
77 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
78 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is
79 later."

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