

OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

Legislative Office Building, Room 5200
Hartford, CT 06106 ◊ (860) 240-0200
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa>

sHB-5384

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE
STYROFOAM CONTAINERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.; Public Health, Dept.; Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	None	Less than 2,500

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	None	Less than 2,500

Explanation

Beginning January 1, 2021, the bill prohibits a food establishment owner or operator from providing or distributing to consumers single-use containers made of polystyrene under certain circumstances.

Under the bill, an owner or operator who violates the prohibition is subject to a fine of \$250 for a first violation, \$500 for a second violation, and \$1,000 for subsequent violations. A local health department or the Departments of Consumer Protection (DCP), Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), or Public Health (DPH) may enforce the bill's prohibition.

It is estimated that less than \$5,000 annually will be generated from

Primary Analyst: MR
Contributing Analyst(s): RDP, ME, AN
Reviewer: DC

4/12/19

violations of the bill's provisions. The bill requires half of any fine imposed by a municipality or health district to be kept by the municipality where the violation occurred. The other half would be split between DCP and DEEP, beginning in FY 21.

Lastly, the bill requires DCP, DEEP, and DPH to submit a report by February 1, 2022 to the General Law, Environment, and Public Health committees on the (1) prohibition's enforcement and (2) need to establish a hardship waiver for certain food establishments. This has no fiscal impact, as the agencies have the expertise to produce the report.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.