



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 234

January Session, 2019



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION USED IN ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of chapter 446d of the general statutes, the Department of
3 Energy and Environmental Protection shall establish a municipal
4 curbside food waste collection pilot program. Such pilot program shall
5 consist of three municipalities that are located not more than twenty
6 miles from a permitted and operational anaerobic digester in the state.
7 The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
8 provide for the coordination among such municipalities, the
9 department, collectors of solid waste and the owner or operator of
10 such anaerobic digesters to establish the separate curbside collection of
11 food waste from subscribed or designated residential customers of
12 such collectors for a six-month period and for the use of such
13 separately collected food waste in such anaerobic digester. Each
14 collector shall provide each residential customer of such collector who
15 participates in such pilot program with educational materials that
16 instruct such residential customer on how to properly participate in
17 such program and segregate food waste for collection. Additionally,
18 each residential customer who participates in such pilot program shall
19 be provided a countertop compost bin and certified compostable bags
20 by such collector at no charge or a reduced charge. The Commissioner
21 of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in

22 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
23 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
24 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status of such
25 pilot program and any recommendations for continuation or
26 expansion of such pilot program. Such report shall be submitted to
27 said committee not later than February 1, 2020. For purposes of this
28 section, "certified compostable bag" means any bag made from
29 materials that are compostable to ASTM D6400 standard and third-
30 party BPI Certified, certified as home compostable by TUV
31 Compostable Home Certification and that contain a minimum of forty
32 per cent plant-sourced renewable content and that are green or brown
33 in color.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2019</i> | New section |

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

"Section 1." was inserted for proper form.

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*