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sHB-5142

AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY
FOR CERTAIN GAS CYLINDERS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 4561)

House Calendar No.: 87

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the establishment of a stewardship program for consumer gas cylinders (i.e., personal use propane cylinders). This is not expected to have a fiscal impact in FY 23 or FY 24 as the stewardship program begins in FY 25.

The bill states that producers must submit a plan for a gas stewardship program to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) by July 1, 2023. It also stipulates that a plan must minimize public sector involvement and it allows DEEP to assess a fee to cover program administration. This has no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities, since the fee assessed to producers is structured to cover the administration cost.

Lastly, the bill allows DEEP to civilly enforce program requirements and establishes audit and reporting requirements. This has no fiscal impact since it is expected producers will comply with the program, based on experience from existing paint and mattress stewardship programs. There is also no fiscal impact as audit and reporting requirements fall under third-party producers.

House "A" makes various changes that do not have a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: The bill may result in savings to municipalities in the out years as these cylinders would be removed from the municipal solid waste (MSW) stream. The extent of municipal savings, estimated to be approximately \$100,000-\$200,000 annually, would depend on the volume of these products currently being disposed of in the MSW stream and the current tip fee for each municipality.