



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5571**

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

REP. PALM, 36th Dist.

REP. BERGER-GIRVALO, 111th Dist.

REP. CHAFFEE, 33rd Dist.

REP. ELLIOTT, 88th Dist.

REP. FARRAR K., 20th Dist.

REP. GILCHREST, 18th Dist.

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REP. PARIS, 145th Dist.

REP. PARKER, 101st Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING REDUCING PLASTICS AND DEVELOPING  
CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMY IN THE RECYCLABLE AND  
COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING SECTOR.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to reduce plastic consumption  
2 and spur economic growth by:

3 (1) Establishing by 2024 a clear coding system designating whether a  
4 certain product is recyclable, compostable or neither to be imprinted on  
5 the bottom of each item;

6 (2) Amending the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act to include  
7 health and environmental damages as part of consumer protections  
8 from unfair or deceptive acts;

9 (3) Educating consumers about the new designation system;

10 (4) requiring all Connecticut manufacturers of single-use plastic  
11 products to comply with said coding system by 2025;

12 (5) Creating a tax incentive, using federal funds available through the  
13 Inflation Reduction Act, for those Connecticut-based manufacturers,  
14 suppliers and retail stores and restaurants that convert to packaging  
15 products that are proven safe, recyclable or compostable or that already  
16 exist as viable alternatives to plastic, such as glass, cardboard and metal;

17 (6) Establishing within the Department of Economic and Community  
18 Development a program or model to enable innovative technologies  
19 and markets to be developed in Connecticut for plant-based bioplastics  
20 that are proven safe and compostable as competitive alternatives to  
21 traditional petroleum-based plastics, especially in the food packaging  
22 industry; and

23 (7) Targeting opportunities for new manufacturing firms of such  
24 alternatives to younger entrepreneurs, start-ups and innovators in  
25 underserved communities.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To decrease consumption of single-use plastic products, improve consumer understanding of what is recyclable or compostable and what is not and develop a robust Connecticut industry to manufacture, market and distribute viable, environmentally sound alternatives to petroleum-based plastics.