



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1143

LCO No. 4791



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
THROUGHOUT THE STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of sections 22a-228 and 22a-241a of the general statutes,
3 respectively, any proposed revision to the state-wide solid waste
4 management plan or the Comprehensive Materials Management
5 Strategy shall be submitted by the Commissioner of Energy and
6 Environmental Protection to the joint standing committee of the General
7 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment for
8 approval prior to implementation of any such revision. Upon receipt of
9 any such proposed revision, said committee may hold a public hearing
10 on any such proposed revision not later than fifteen days after such
11 receipt. Not later than thirty days after such receipt, said committee may
12 meet to vote to approve, reject or amend such proposed revision. Any
13 such proposed revision shall be deemed approved if said committee
14 does not meet in accordance with the provisions of this section. In the
15 event said committee rejects any such proposed revision, the
16 commissioner may file such rejected proposed revision to the clerks of

17 the House of Representatives and the Senate for consideration of the
18 approval, by resolution, of such rejected proposed revision by the
19 members of the General Assembly. If the General Assembly is in session,
20 it shall vote to approve or reject such rejected proposed revision not later
21 than thirty days after the date of filing. If the General Assembly is not in
22 session when such rejected proposed revision is filed, it shall be
23 submitted to the General Assembly not later than ten days after the first
24 day of the next regular session or special session called for such purpose.
25 The rejected proposed revision shall be deemed rejected by the General
26 Assembly if the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject such
27 proposed revision not later than thirty days after such filing.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Any dealer, as defined in
29 section 22a-243, who installs and maintains a reverse vending machine,
30 as defined in section 22a-243 of the general statutes, shall post a sign in
31 the vicinity of such reverse vending machine that indicates the location
32 of the nearest redemption center, as defined in section 22a-243 of the
33 general statutes, whenever such reverse vending machine is not in
34 operation.

35 (b) Any such dealer may provide for the placement of a recycling
36 receptacle at such dealer's place of business for the collection of any
37 beverage container that is rejected by any reverse vending machine
38 installed and maintained by such dealer.

39 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2023,
40 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall issue
41 a request for information to obtain information on systems for the
42 processing of solid waste that is generated in the state and that is not
43 otherwise diverted from the state's solid waste stream in accordance
44 with the provisions of the state-wide solid waste management plan and
45 the Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy. Such request for
46 information shall seek information on such systems that include, but are
47 not limited to, gasification systems that convert such solid waste into
48 gas through a chemical reaction that does not consist of burning. Such
49 request for information shall not seek information on systems that

50 provide either for the incineration or combustion of solid waste or any
51 form of landfilling of such solid waste. Such request for information
52 shall require the receipt of such information by the Department of
53 Energy and Environmental Protection not later than November 15, 2023.
54 Any presentation of materials in relation to such request for information
55 shall be made to the commissioner not later than January 15, 2024. Not
56 later than February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall submit a report, in
57 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
58 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
59 relating to the environment that includes recommendations for the
60 issuance of a request for proposals concerning such systems that is
61 based on the commissioner's review of all information received in
62 connection with such request for information. In forming such
63 recommendations, the commissioner shall additionally consider the: (1)
64 Potential environmental impacts of any such system to the air, water
65 and soils of the state, (2) consistency of any such system with the
66 greenhouse gas emissions goals of the state, (3) municipal costs
67 potentially associated with the utilization of any such system for the
68 processing of solid waste in the state, (4) effectiveness of any such
69 system to process all solid waste in the state that is not otherwise
70 diverted from the state's solid waste stream, (5) ability to convert any
71 existing state owned or operated facility to utilize any such system
72 without state subsidization of such conversion and while substantially
73 decreasing any environmental or public health impacts of such
74 converted facility to any environmental justice community, and (6)
75 reasonable likelihood of siting one or more facilities that utilize any such
76 system in a community other than an environmental justice community.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require approval of revisions to the state's solid waste management plan and the Comprehensive Material's Management Strategy by the legislature's Environment Committee, prescribe certain signs concerning reverse vending machine outages and require the issuance of an RFI relating to the management of the state's solid waste stream.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]