



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1143

January Session, 2023



**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
7 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
8 environment for approval prior to implementation of any such
9 revision. Upon receipt of any such proposed revision, said committee
10 shall hold a public hearing on any such proposed revision not later
11 than fifteen days after such receipt. Not later than thirty days after
12 such receipt, said committee may meet to vote to approve, reject or
13 amend such proposed revision. In the event said committee rejects any
14 such proposed revision, the commissioner may file such rejected
15 proposed revision with the clerks of the House of Representatives and
16 the Senate for consideration of the approval, by resolution, of such
17 rejected proposed revision by the members of the General Assembly. If
18 the General Assembly is in session, it shall vote to approve or reject
19 such rejected proposed revision not later than thirty days after the date
20 of filing. If the General Assembly is not in session when such rejected

21 proposed revision is filed, it shall be submitted to the General
22 Assembly not later than ten days after the first day of the next regular
23 session or special session called for such purpose. The rejected
24 proposed revision shall be deemed rejected by the General Assembly if
25 the General Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject such proposed
26 revision not later than thirty days after such filing.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any dealer may provide for the
28 placement of a recycling receptacle at such dealer's place of business
29 for the collection of any beverage container that is rejected by any
30 reverse vending machine installed and maintained by such dealer. For
31 the purposes of this section, "dealer", "beverage container" and "reverse
32 vending machine" have the same meanings as provided in section 22a-
33 243 of the general statutes.

34 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2023,
35 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall issue
36 a request for information to obtain information on systems for the
37 processing of solid waste that is generated in the state and that is not
38 otherwise diverted from the state's solid waste stream in accordance
39 with the provisions of the state-wide solid waste management plan
40 and the Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy. Such request
41 for information shall seek information on such systems that include,
42 but are not limited to, gasification systems that convert such solid
43 waste into gas through a chemical reaction that does not consist of
44 burning. Such request for information shall not seek information on
45 systems that provide either for the incineration or combustion of solid
46 waste or any form of landfilling of such solid waste. Such request for
47 information shall require the receipt of such information by the
48 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection not later than
49 November 15, 2023. Any presentation of materials in relation to such
50 request for information shall be made to the commissioner not later
51 than January 15, 2024. Not later than February 1, 2024, the
52 commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
53 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee

54 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
55 environment that includes recommendations for the issuance of a
56 request for proposals concerning such systems that is based on the
57 commissioner's review of all information received in connection with
58 such request for information. In forming such recommendations, the
59 commissioner shall additionally consider the: (1) Potential
60 environmental impacts of any such system to the air, water and soils of
61 the state, (2) consistency of any such system with the greenhouse gas
62 emissions goals of the state, (3) municipal costs potentially associated
63 with the utilization of any such system for the processing of solid
64 waste in the state, (4) effectiveness of any such system to process all
65 solid waste in the state that is not otherwise diverted from the state's
66 solid waste stream, (5) ability to convert any existing state owned or
67 operated facility to utilize any such system without state subsidization
68 of such conversion and while substantially decreasing any
69 environmental or public health impacts of such converted facility to
70 any environmental justice community, and (6) reasonable likelihood of
71 siting one or more facilities that utilize any such system in a
72 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

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*