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HB-5353

AN ACT CONCERNING THE GAS CYLINDER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 5843)

House Calendar No.: 224

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which makes changes to the gas cylinder stewardship program, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities, as described by section below.

Section 1 makes an adjustment to the timeframe for implementing gas cylinder stewardship programs. While the deadline for implementing the programs remains October 1, 2025, the bill newly requires each producer to be part of an approved program by October 1, 2024. This is not anticipated to alter the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's resources needed to oversee the gas cylinder stewardship programs.

Section 2 allows the court to impose a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 for each violation of the gas cylinder stewardship program requirements. This is not expected to result in a fiscal impact as it is anticipated that producers will comply with the requirements, based on experience from existing paint and mattress stewardship programs.

Section 3 allows a gas cylinder stewardship organization to pursue legal action against a noncompliant producer, which results in no fiscal

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impact to the state or municipalities. The court system disposed of over 263,000 cases in FY 23 and the number of cases associated with the bill is not anticipated to be great enough to need additional resources.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact, and results in the impact described above.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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