



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5017

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE TIRE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BY TIRE RETAILERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 22a-905i of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) On or before January 1, 2025, each producer, or such producer's
5 designee, shall join a tire stewardship organization and such
6 organization shall submit a plan, for the Commissioner of Energy and
7 Environmental Protection's approval, to establish a state-wide tire
8 stewardship program, as described in this subsection. [Any retailer may
9 participate in any such tire stewardship organization.] On or before
10 January 1, 2026, each retailer shall participate in a tire stewardship
11 organization. Such tire stewardship program shall, to the extent it is
12 technologically feasible and economically practical: (1) Establish and
13 manage a state-wide collection system utilizing covered entities; (2)
14 provide access to the collection system to the public, free of charge, for
15 the drop-off of discarded tires; (3) ensure discarded tires are picked up
16 from the collection system and transported for recycling; (4) ensure all
17 discarded tires collected in the collection system are resold or recycled;
18 (5) provide suitable storage containers for tires, as required, throughout
19 the collection system; (6) implement public promotion and education

20 about the program; (7) assist in market development, as needed, to
21 achieve performance goals; (8) finance all program activities solely
22 through producer funding; and (9) ensure that all collectors and
23 processors are qualified to perform their respective functions pursuant
24 to such program and are in substantial compliance with the laws and
25 regulations of any state in which such collector or processor operates,
26 including, but not limited to, any financial assurance and closure plan
27 requirements.

28 (c) Any plan submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall:
29 (1) Identify each producer participating in the program and, on and after
30 January 1, 2026, identify each retailer participating in the program, in
31 accordance with subsection (g) of this section; (2) describe how the
32 program will be financed; (3) establish performance goals for the first
33 two years of the program; (4) describe the industry transition timeline
34 that is required to achieve such performance goals and how the plan
35 will, to the greatest extent economically feasible, utilize existing service
36 providers and infrastructure in the state; (5) identify proposed facilities
37 to be used by the program in the collection system and discarded tire
38 transportation and recycling activities; (6) detail how the program
39 follows the solid waste hierarchy, as defined in the state-wide solid
40 waste management plan established pursuant to section 22a-228, and
41 will promote the recycling of discarded tires to higher value products
42 and sustainability; and (7) include a description of the public education
43 program that will be used to promote consumer knowledge of such
44 program.

45 Sec. 2. Subsection (l) of section 22a-905i of the general statutes is
46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
47 *passage*):

48 (l) Any producer, retailer and tire stewardship organization shall be
49 immune from liability for any claim of a violation of antitrust law or
50 unfair trade practice, if such conduct is a violation of antitrust law, to
51 the extent such producer or tire stewardship organization is exercising
52 authority pursuant to the provisions of this section.

53 Sec. 3. Subsection (r) of section 22a-905i of the general statutes is
54 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
55 *passage*):

56 (r) Any producer who fails to participate in a tire stewardship
57 program authorized pursuant to this section shall not supply tires in this
58 state. On and after January 1, 2026, any retailer who fails to participate
59 in a tire stewardship program authorized pursuant to this section shall
60 not supply tires in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-905i(b) and (c)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-905i(l)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	22a-905i(r)

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*