



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6229

January Session, 2025



***AN ACT CONCERNING A REDUCTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS
AND POLYSTYRENE WASTE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2027*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Polystyrene" means any synthetic polymer material commonly
4 used to manufacture disposable foodware;

5 (2) "Single-use plastic" means any disposable plastic product
6 intended for one-time use, including plastic cutlery, straws, stirrers,
7 splash sticks and foodware accessories; and

8 (3) "Food vendor" means any facility licensed as a food vendor
9 pursuant to chapter 417 of the general statutes, including, but not
10 limited to, restaurants, food trucks, cafeterias, and other establishments
11 engaged in the sale or distribution of prepared food and beverages.

12 (b) On and after July 1, 2027, no state or municipal agency, vendor
13 with a government contract, school, business or food vendor shall sell,
14 use, purchase or provide:

15 (1) Any single-use foodware composed in whole or in part of
16 polystyrene;

17 (2) Any packaging product composed of polystyrene, including, but
18 not limited to, packaging peanuts; or

19 (3) Any single-use plastic straw, plastic stirrer, splash stick or
20 foodware accessory, except that a biodegradable or compostable single-
21 use plastic straw may be provided, upon request by any person,
22 including, but not limited to, any person with a disability, and shall be
23 made available at pharmacies and medical facilities.

24 (c) The Departments of Consumer Protection and Energy and
25 Environmental Protection shall develop and implement an enforcement
26 plan for the provisions of subsection (b) of this section that includes: (1)
27 Educational outreach efforts to provide guidance and resources to help
28 businesses and institutions transition to sustainable alternatives; (2) a
29 fair compliance timeline; and (3) a penalty for any first violation that
30 consists of a written warning and an attendant assistance period of time
31 to facilitate compliance with said subsection and, for any second or
32 subsequent violation, a penalty of not more than two hundred fifty
33 dollars.

34 (d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any municipality from
35 adopting and enforcing ordinances that impose stricter restrictions on
36 single-use plastics and polystyrene than those set forth in this section.

37 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any packaging
38 product composed of polystyrene or containing polystyrene loose fill
39 that: (1) Is used for prepackaged food that was filled and sealed prior to
40 receipt by a retail establishment, business or food vendor; (2) is used to
41 contain or store raw or frozen meat or seafood sold from a butcher case
42 or similar retail appliance; (3) is a cooler or ice chest, provided such
43 polystyrene is fully encased in another material; or (4) is a reusable
44 polystyrene for agricultural use.

45 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) On and after January 1,
46 2027, all state and municipal buildings, including schools that are
47 required to contain drinking fountains, shall: (1) Install and maintain an
48 equivalent number of bottle-filling stations to promote the use of

49 reusable water bottles when a capital project is undertaken or such
50 drinking fountains are replaced; and (2) ensure that such bottle-filling
51 stations remain operational and accessible to the public.

52 (b) The Department of Administrative Services shall develop
53 guidelines for compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
54 section.

55 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
56 study the reduction in single-use plastics in the state. Such study shall
57 identify sustainable alternatives to such single-use plastics, develop
58 recommendations for improving processing infrastructure for such
59 single-use plastics, determine the best methods to support businesses,
60 municipalities and school systems in the adoption of circular economy
61 principles and determine reasonable time frames for the
62 implementation of additional reductions in single-use plastics in the
63 state.

64 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

65 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
66 one of whom has expertise in school nutrition programs and one of
67 whom has expertise in business interests in the state;

68 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
69 whom has expertise in restaurant operations in the state and one of
70 whom has expertise in hospital operations in the state;

71 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
72 Representatives who has expertise in municipal operations in the state;

73 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who has
74 expertise in state agency operations;

75 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
76 Representatives;

77 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

78 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
79 the commissioner's designee.

80 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
81 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
82 of the General Assembly.

83 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
84 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
85 be filled by the appointing authority.

86 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
87 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
88 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
89 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
90 days after the effective date of this section.

91 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
92 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
93 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

94 (g) Not later than February 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
95 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
96 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
97 environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
98 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
99 submits such report or February 1, 2026, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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