



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6263

LCO No. 5317



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE AND PURCHASE OF GAS-POWERED HAND-HELD OR BACKPACK LEAF BLOWERS BY STATE AGENCIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Administrative
3 Services and each municipality shall respectively develop a plan for the
4 phase out of the purchase and use of gas-powered leaf blowers by any
5 state or municipal agency, respectively, whether such devices are hand-
6 held or backpack style. Such phase out shall occur during the two-year
7 period commencing January 1, 2027.

8 (b) On and after January 1, 2029, no person shall use, sell, offer for
9 sale or distribute in this state any gas-powered leaf blower, whether
10 hand-held or backpack style. The Commissioner of Consumer
11 Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
12 chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the enforcement of the provisions
13 of this subsection. Each municipality may provide, by ordinance, for the
14 enforcement of the provisions of this section concerning the use of such
15 machinery.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To eventually prohibit the use of hand-held or backpack gas-powered leaf blowers in the state.

[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.]

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