



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6263

January Session, 2025



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 October 1, 2025*) (a) On and after September
2 1, 2027, the Departments of Administrative Services, Energy and
3 Environmental Protection and Transportation shall, within available
4 appropriations, purchase, lease or acquire electric hand-held or push
5 lawn mowers, leaf blowers and lawn trimmers for state agencies for
6 landscaping services on state-owned property if: (1) Such machinery is
7 functionally equivalent to any such gas-powered machinery, and (2) the
8 useful life of similar gas-powered machinery owned, leased or acquired
9 by such agencies has expired.

10 (b) On and after September 1, 2029, the Departments of
11 Administrative Services, Energy and Environmental Protection and
12 Transportation shall, within available appropriations, prepare bidding
13 documents for contractors who seek to perform maintenance or
14 landscaping work on state properties in order to require bidders to use
15 electric hand-held or push lawn mowers, leaf blowers and lawn
16 trimmers in performing such work if such machinery is functionally
17 equivalent to any such gas-powered machinery.

18 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
19 said commissioners may make an exception to such purchase, lease and
20 acquisition requirements if fiscal resources or agency operations depend
21 on the utilization of specific equipment, including, but not limited to,
22 the following operations: (1) Abating or preventing damage during a
23 declared emergency or for equipment used by first responders to
24 provide emergency services, (2) conducting fire hazard reduction and
25 post-fire recovery activities, (3) managing riparian, forest or grassland
26 areas, or (4) maintaining public safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*