



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6917

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) The sum of five hundred thousand
2 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Energy and Environmental
3 Protection from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
4 2026, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of section 22a-226e of
5 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

6 (b) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars is appropriated to
7 the Recycle CT Foundation, Inc., as established in section 22a-228a of the
8 general statutes, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
9 30, 2026, for the purpose of undertaking the duties described in section
10 22a-228a of the general statutes.

11 Sec. 2. Section 22a-226e of the general statutes is amended by adding
12 subsections (f) and (g) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

13 (NEW) (f) Each commercial food wholesaler or distributor, industrial
14 food manufacturer or processor, supermarket, institution, resort or
15 conference center that generates an average projected volume of not less
16 than twenty-six tons per year of source-separated organic material,
17 including any source-separated organic material subject to the

18 requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, shall, on or before
19 January 1, 2026, adopt a written policy pertaining to a food donation
20 program that: (1) Describes how the wholesaler, distributor,
21 manufacturer, processor, supermarket, institution, resort or conference
22 center will make best efforts to donate excess edible food, as determined
23 by such entity, using acceptable industry standards; (2) is designed to
24 (A) reduce such wholesaler's, distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's,
25 supermarket's, institution's, resort's or conference center's food waste,
26 (B) support the operations of food relief organizations, and (C) ensure
27 that all food donated by such wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer,
28 processor, supermarket, resort or conference center under such policy is
29 safe and fit for human consumption; (3) provides for the education of
30 such wholesaler's, distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's,
31 supermarket's, institution's, resort's or conference center's management,
32 employees and third-party vendors who manage food for such facility
33 regarding the food distribution process and the relationship between
34 such process and food waste; (4) requires such wholesaler, distributor,
35 manufacturer, processor, supermarket, institution, resort or conference
36 center to make reasonable efforts to identify, and partner with, not less
37 than two food relief organizations for the purpose of donating excess
38 edible food to such food relief organizations prior to any such food
39 becoming source-separated organic material, as described in
40 subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and (5) includes a framework to
41 formalize and streamline such wholesaler's, distributor's,
42 manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's, institution's, resort's or
43 conference center's protocols concerning food donation.

44 (NEW) (g) If multiple wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers,
45 processors, supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers
46 subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section are under
47 common ownership, such wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers,
48 processors, supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers
49 may adopt a common written policy under this section.

50 Sec. 3. Section 22a-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

52 (a) There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Revenue Services by
53 the owner of any resources recovery facility or waste conversion facility
54 one dollar and fifty cents per ton of solid waste processed at [the] such
55 facility. [beginning on the date of commencement of commercial
56 operation of the facility for calendar quarters commencing on or after
57 October 1, 1987, until September 30, 2003. For calendar quarters
58 commencing on and after October 1, 2003, the owner of any resources
59 recovery facility shall pay to the Commissioner of Revenue Services one
60 dollar and fifty cents per ton of solid waste processed at such facility.]

61 (b) There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Revenue Services by
62 the owner of any transfer station or volume reduction plant one dollar
63 and fifty cents per ton of solid waste processed at such facility. The
64 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to: (1) A transfer station or
65 volume reduction plant that is owned by a municipality, (2) a volume
66 reduction plant that is a resources recovery facility, waste conversion
67 facility, or recycling facility, (3) solid waste that is recycled or
68 transferred to any resources recovery facility.

69 [(b)] (c) Each owner of a [resources recovery] facility subject to [the]
70 an assessment as provided by this section shall submit a return quarterly
71 to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, applicable with respect to the
72 calendar quarter beginning October 1, [2023] 2025, and each calendar
73 quarter thereafter, on or before the last day of the month immediately
74 following the end of each such calendar quarter, on a form prescribed
75 by the commissioner, together with payment of the quarterly
76 assessment determined and payable in accordance with the provisions
77 of subsection (a) or (b) of this section, as applicable.

78 [(c)] (d) Whenever such assessment is not paid when due, a penalty
79 of ten per cent of the amount due or fifty dollars, whichever is greater,
80 shall be imposed, and such assessment shall bear interest at the rate of
81 one per cent per month or fraction thereof until the same is paid. The
82 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall cause copies of a form
83 prescribed for submitting returns as required under this section to be
84 distributed throughout the state. Failure to receive such form shall not

85 be construed to relieve anyone subject to assessment under this section
86 from the obligations of submitting a return, together with payment of
87 such assessment within the time required.

88 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Any person or municipality liable for the service fee for solid
89 waste delivered to a facility whose owner is subject to an assessment
90 imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall reimburse the owner for
91 any assessment paid for the solid waste delivered by such person or
92 municipality. Such an assessment shall be a debt from the person or
93 municipality responsible for paying such service fee to the owner.

94 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The provisions of sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and
95 section 12-555a shall apply to the provisions of this section in the same
96 manner and with the same force and effect as if the language of said
97 sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and section 12-555a had been
98 incorporated in full in this section, except that to the extent that any such
99 provision is inconsistent with a provision in this section and except that
100 the term "tax" shall be read as "solid waste assessment".

101 ~~[(f) Two million eight hundred thousand dollars of the proceeds from~~
102 ~~the assessments]~~ (g) Assessments imposed pursuant to ~~[subsection (a)]~~
103 subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be deposited by the
104 Commissioner of Revenue Services into ~~[the General Fund and any~~
105 ~~remaining funds from such assessments shall be deposited by the~~
106 ~~commissioner into]~~ the sustainable materials management account
107 established in section 16-244bb.

108 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 22a-244b of the general statutes is
109 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
110 *passage*):

111 (d) All payments received by any municipality pursuant to the
112 provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall be expended by such
113 municipality on environmental measures intended to reduce the
114 generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of
115 litter caused by such solid waste, including, but not limited to, the hiring
116 of a recycling coordinator, a municipal or regional waste coordinator,

117 the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and
118 beverage container debris or the purchase of a mechanical street
119 sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not
120 limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets,
121 sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas.

122 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 15, 2027, the
123 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in accordance
124 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall submit a report to the
125 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
126 matters relating to the environment on the need for and viability of
127 establishing an extended producer responsibility program for consumer
128 packaging in the state. Such report shall include, but not be limited to,
129 (1) an assessment of the costs to residents of the state and municipalities
130 for the handling, hauling, disposal, composting and recycling of
131 consumer packaging, (2) the approximate percentage of the state's total
132 solid waste stream that such consumer packaging represents, (3) an
133 analysis of the trends in the generation of such consumer packaging for
134 the previous five-year period and the forthcoming five-year period, in
135 addition to the projected trend of recycling and composting rates of
136 consumer packaging in the forthcoming five-year period, (4) an
137 assessment of the potential costs and savings for residents of the state
138 and municipalities that are associated with the handling, hauling,
139 disposal, composting and recycling of such packaging pursuant to an
140 extended producer responsibility program, (5) a discussion of any post-
141 consumer or secondary markets and attendant demand for the materials
142 that compose the preponderance of such consumer packaging, (6) a
143 review and assessment of any industry initiatives, to date, for the
144 reduction and industry-sponsored collection of such consumer
145 packaging, (7) an evaluation of any regional efforts to establish extended
146 responsibility cooperative agreements among neighboring states for
147 consumer packaging, and (8) a review and assessment of existing
148 recycling and composting access, infrastructure and capacity
149 throughout the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	22a-226e(f) and (g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	22a-232
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	22a-244b(d)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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