



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 Section 22a-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 (a) There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Revenue Services by
4 the owner of any resources recovery facility or waste conversion facility
5 one dollar and fifty cents per ton of solid waste processed at [the] such
6 facility. [beginning on the date of commencement of commercial
7 operation of the facility for calendar quarters commencing on or after
8 October 1, 1987, until September 30, 2003. For calendar quarters
9 commencing on and after October 1, 2003, the owner of any resources
10 recovery facility shall pay to the Commissioner of Revenue Services one
11 dollar and fifty cents per ton of solid waste processed at such facility.]

12 (b) There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Revenue Services by
13 the owner of any transfer station or volume reduction plant one dollar
14 and fifty cents per ton of solid waste processed at such facility. The
15 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to: (1) A transfer station or
16 volume reduction plant that is owned by a municipality, (2) a volume
17 reduction plant that is a resources recovery facility, waste conversion
18 facility or recycling facility, or (3) solid waste that is recycled or

19 transferred to any resources recovery facility.

20 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Each owner of a [resources recovery] facility subject to [the]
21 an assessment as provided by this section shall submit a return quarterly
22 to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, applicable with respect to the
23 calendar quarter beginning October 1, ~~[2023]~~ 2025, and each calendar
24 quarter thereafter, on or before the last day of the month immediately
25 following the end of each such calendar quarter, on a form prescribed
26 by the commissioner, together with payment of the quarterly
27 assessment determined and payable in accordance with the provisions
28 of subsection (a) or (b) of this section, as applicable.

29 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Whenever such assessment is not paid when due, a penalty
30 of ten per cent of the amount due or fifty dollars, whichever is greater,
31 shall be imposed, and such assessment shall bear interest at the rate of
32 one per cent per month or fraction thereof until the same is paid. The
33 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall cause copies of a form
34 prescribed for submitting returns as required under this section to be
35 distributed throughout the state. Failure to receive such form shall not
36 be construed to relieve anyone subject to assessment under this section
37 from the obligations of submitting a return, together with payment of
38 such assessment within the time required.

39 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Any person or municipality liable for the service fee for solid
40 waste delivered to a facility whose owner is subject to an assessment
41 imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall reimburse the owner for
42 any assessment paid for the solid waste delivered by such person or
43 municipality. Such an assessment shall be a debt from the person or
44 municipality responsible for paying such service fee to the owner.

45 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The provisions of sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and
46 section 12-555a shall apply to the provisions of this section in the same
47 manner and with the same force and effect as if the language of said
48 sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and section 12-555a had been
49 incorporated in full in this section, except that to the extent that any such
50 provision is inconsistent with a provision in this section and except that

51 the term "tax" shall be read as "solid waste assessment".

52 ~~[(f)] (g)~~ [Two million eight hundred thousand dollars of the proceeds
53 from the assessments] Assessments imposed pursuant to [subsection
54 (a)] subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be deposited by the
55 Commissioner of Revenue Services into [the General Fund and any
56 remaining funds from such assessments shall be deposited by the
57 commissioner into] the sustainable materials management account
58 established in section 16-244bb, as amended by this act.

59 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 22a-244b of the general statutes is
60 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
61 *passage*):

62 (d) All payments received by any municipality pursuant to the
63 provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall be expended by such
64 municipality on environmental measures intended to reduce the
65 generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of
66 litter caused by such solid waste, including, but not limited to, the hiring
67 of a recycling coordinator, a municipal or regional waste coordinator,
68 the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and
69 beverage container debris or the purchase of a mechanical street
70 sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not
71 limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets,
72 sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas.

73 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 15, 2027, the
74 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in accordance
75 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall submit a report to the
76 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
77 matters relating to the environment on the need for and viability of
78 establishing an extended producer responsibility program for consumer
79 packaging in the state. Such report shall include, but need not be limited
80 to, (1) an assessment of the costs to residents of the state and
81 municipalities for the handling, hauling, disposal, composting and
82 recycling of consumer packaging, (2) the approximate percentage of the

83 state's total solid waste stream that such consumer packaging
84 represents, (3) an analysis of the trends in the generation of such
85 consumer packaging for the previous five-year period and the
86 forthcoming five-year period, in addition to the projected trend of
87 recycling and composting rates of consumer packaging in the
88 forthcoming five-year period, (4) an assessment of the potential costs
89 and savings for residents of the state and municipalities that are
90 associated with the handling, hauling, disposal, composting and
91 recycling of such packaging pursuant to an extended producer
92 responsibility program, (5) a discussion of any post-consumer or
93 secondary markets and attendant demand for the materials that
94 compose the preponderance of such consumer packaging, (6) a review
95 and assessment of any industry initiatives, to date, for the reduction and
96 industry-sponsored collection of such consumer packaging, (7) an
97 evaluation of any regional efforts to establish extended responsibility
98 cooperative agreements among neighboring states for consumer
99 packaging, and (8) a review and assessment of existing recycling and
100 composting access, infrastructure and capacity throughout the state.

101 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 16-244bb of the general statutes is
102 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
103 *2025*):

104 (a) There is established an account to be known as the sustainable
105 materials management account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
106 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain moneys
107 collected by the alternative compliance payment for Class II renewable
108 portfolio standards pursuant to subsection (h) of section 16-244c and
109 subsection (k) of section 16-245 and moneys deposited pursuant to
110 subsection [(f)] (g) of section 22a-232, as amended by this act. The
111 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall expend
112 moneys from the account for the purposes of the program established
113 under this section, provided the commissioner may also pledge such
114 moneys for revenue bonds the proceeds of which shall be used to
115 support waste infrastructure projects described in this section.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	22a-232
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-244b(d)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	16-244bb(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 4 was added for purposes of a conforming statutory change.

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