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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study the reduction in single-use plastic, including polystyrene, in the
5 state. Such study shall identify sustainable alternatives to such single-
6 use plastics, develop recommendations for such single-use plastics
7 reduction, propose a plan and identify resources for enforcement,
8 including by school districts, develop an implementation plan for the
9 elimination of such single-use plastics, including appropriate
10 alternatives, disposal and budgeting, develop options for enforcement
11 of such elimination and determine reasonable time frames for the
12 implementation of additional reductions in such single-use plastics in
13 the state.

14 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members who shall

15 have experience or expertise in the areas of school nutrition programs,
16 business interests, restaurant operations, recycling, municipal
17 operations, plastics reduction, industries that utilize single-use plastics
18 or hospital operations:

19 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

21 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives;

23 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

24 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives;

26 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

27 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
28 the commissioner's designee;

29 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
30 designee;

31 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
32 secretary's designee; and

33 (10) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

34 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
35 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
36 of the General Assembly.

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

40 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro

41 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
42 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
43 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
44 days after the effective date of this section.

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

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

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

56 (NEW) (f) Each commercial food wholesaler or distributor, industrial
57 food manufacturer or processor, supermarket, institution, other than a
58 restaurant, resort or conference center that generates an average
59 projected volume of not less than twenty-six tons per year of source-
60 separated organic material, including any source-separated organic
61 material subject to the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this
62 section, shall, on or before January 1, 2026, adopt a written policy
63 pertaining to a food donation program that: (1) Describes how the
64 wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer, processor, supermarket,
65 institution, resort or conference center will make best efforts to donate
66 excess edible food, as determined by such entity, using acceptable
67 industry standards; (2) is designed to (A) reduce such wholesaler's,
68 distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's, institution's,
69 resort's or conference center's food waste, (B) support the operations of
70 food relief organizations, and (C) ensure that all food donated by such
71 wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer, processor, supermarket, resort or
72 conference center under such policy is safe and fit for human

73 consumption; (3) provides for the education of such wholesaler's,
74 distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's, institution's,
75 resort's or conference center's management, employees and third-party
76 vendors who manage food for such facility regarding the food
77 distribution process and the relationship between such process and food
78 waste; (4) requires such wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer,
79 processor, supermarket, institution, resort or conference center to make
80 reasonable efforts to identify, and partner with, not less than two food
81 relief organizations for the purpose of donating excess edible food to
82 such food relief organizations prior to any such food becoming source-
83 separated organic material, as described in subsections (a) and (b) of this
84 section; and (5) includes a framework to formalize and streamline such
85 wholesaler's, distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's,
86 institution's, resort's or conference center's protocols concerning food
87 donation.

88 (NEW) (g) If multiple wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers,
89 processors, supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers
90 subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section are under
91 common ownership, such wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers,
92 processors, supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers
93 may adopt a common written policy for the purpose of compliance with
94 the provisions of subsection (f) of this section.

95 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 16-244bb of the general statutes is
96 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
97 *passage*):

98 (a) There is established an account to be known as the sustainable
99 materials management account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
100 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain moneys
101 collected by the alternative compliance payment for Class II renewable
102 portfolio standards pursuant to subsection (h) of section 16-244c and
103 subsection (k) of section 16-245 and moneys deposited pursuant to
104 subsection (f) of section 22a-232. The Commissioner of Energy and
105 Environmental Protection shall expend moneys from the account for the

106 purposes of the program established under this section, provided the
107 commissioner may also pledge such moneys for revenue bonds the
108 proceeds of which shall be used to support waste infrastructure projects
109 described in this section. The commissioner shall have a goal of
110 allocating not less than twenty per cent of such total moneys to
111 municipalities with populations not exceeding twenty thousand."

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	22a-226e(f) and (g)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	16-244bb(a)