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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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

6 (d) All payments received by any municipality pursuant to the
7 provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall be expended by such
8 municipality on environmental measures intended to reduce the
9 generation of solid waste in such municipality or reduce the impact of
10 litter caused by such solid waste, including, but not limited to, the hiring
11 of a recycling coordinator, a municipal or regional waste coordinator,
12 the installation of storm drain filters designed to block solid waste and
13 beverage container debris or the purchase of a mechanical street
14 sweeper, vacuum or broom that removes litter, including, but not

15 limited to, such beverage containers and other debris from streets,
16 sidewalks and abutting lawn and turf areas.

17 Sec. 2. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 22a-226e of the general
18 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
19 (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

20 [(d) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Energy and
21 Environmental Protection shall establish a voluntary pilot program for
22 any municipality that seeks to separate source-separated organic
23 materials and ensure that such source-separated organic materials are
24 recycled at authorized source-separated organic material composting
25 facilities that have available capacity and that will accept such source-
26 separated organic material.]

27 [(e)] (d) On or before March 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
28 wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer, processor, supermarket, resort,
29 conference center or institution that is subject to the provisions of this
30 section shall submit a report to the Department of Energy and
31 Environmental Protection in electronic format. Such report shall
32 summarize such entity's amount of edible food donated, the amount of
33 [food scraps] source-separated organic materials recycled and the
34 organics recycler or recyclers and associated collectors used.

35 (e) Each commercial food wholesaler or distributor, industrial food
36 manufacturer or processor, supermarket, institution, resort or
37 conference center that generates an average projected volume of not less
38 than twenty-six tons per year of source-separated organic material,
39 including any source-separated organic material subject to the
40 requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, shall, on or before
41 January 1, 2026, adopt a written policy pertaining to a food donation
42 program that: (1) Describes how the wholesaler, distributor,
43 manufacturer, processor, supermarket, institution, resort or conference
44 center will make best efforts to donate excess edible food, as determined
45 by such entity, using acceptable industry standards; (2) is designed to
46 (A) reduce such wholesaler's, distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's,

47 supermarket's, institution's, resort's or conference center's food waste,
48 (B) support the operations of food relief organizations, and (C) ensure
49 that all food donated by such wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer,
50 processor, supermarket, resort or conference center under such policy is
51 safe and fit for human consumption; (3) provides for the education of
52 such wholesaler's, distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's,
53 supermarket's, institution's, resort's or conference center's management,
54 employees and third-party vendors who manage food for such facility
55 regarding the food distribution process and the relationship between
56 such process and food waste; (4) requires such wholesaler, distributor,
57 manufacturer, processor, supermarket, institution, resort or conference
58 center to make reasonable efforts to identify, and partner with, not less
59 than two food relief organizations for the purpose of donating excess
60 edible food to such food relief organizations prior to any such food
61 becoming source-separated organic material, as described in
62 subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and (5) includes a framework to
63 formalize and streamline such wholesaler's, distributor's,
64 manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's, institution's, resort's or
65 conference center's protocols concerning food donation.

66 (f) If multiple wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, processors,
67 supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers subject to the
68 provisions of subsection (b) of this section are under common
69 ownership, such wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, processors,
70 supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers may adopt a
71 common written policy under this section.

72 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2027*) (a) For purposes of this section:

73 (1) "Single-use plastic" means any disposable plastic stirrer, splash
74 stick or foodware accessory intended for one-time use;

75 (2) "Food vendor" means any facility licensed as a food vendor
76 pursuant to chapter 417 of the general statutes, including, but not
77 limited to, restaurants, food trucks, cafeterias and other establishments
78 engaged in the sale or distribution of prepared food and beverages; and

79 (3) "Polystyrene" means any blown polystyrene, expanded foam or
80 extruded foam that is a thermoplastic petrochemical material that
81 utilizes a styrene monomer and that is processed by any number of
82 techniques, including, but not limited to, the fusion of polymer spheres,
83 injection molding, foam molding or extrusion-blown molding.
84 "Polystyrene" does not include any meat tray used for prepared foods
85 or any egg carton.

86 (b) On and after July 1, 2027, no state or municipal agency, vendor
87 with a government contract, school, business or food vendor shall sell,
88 use, purchase or provide any: (1) Foodware or beverage product
89 composed, in whole or in part, of polystyrene, including, but not limited
90 to, takeout containers, trays and cups, (2) packaging product composed
91 of polystyrene, except packaging peanuts, (3) plastic stirrer, splash stick
92 or foodware accessory, following the expiration of any such contract
93 that provides for the sale, use, purchase or provision of any such
94 product, packaging product, plastic stirrer, splash stick or foodware
95 accessory as of such date.

96 (c) The Departments of Consumer Protection and Energy and
97 Environmental Protection shall develop and implement an enforcement
98 plan for the provisions of subsection (b) of this section that includes: (1)
99 Educational outreach efforts to provide guidance and resources to help
100 businesses and institutions transition to sustainable alternatives; (2) a
101 fair compliance timeline; and (3) a penalty for any first violation that
102 consists of a written warning and an attendant assistance period of time
103 to facilitate compliance with said subsection and, for any second or
104 subsequent violation, a penalty of not more than two hundred fifty
105 dollars.

106 (d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any municipality from
107 adopting and enforcing ordinances that impose stricter restrictions on
108 single-use plastics than those set forth in this section.

109 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) On and after January 1,
110 2027, all state and municipal buildings, including schools that are

111 required to contain drinking fountains, shall: (1) Install and maintain an
112 equivalent number of bottle-filling stations to promote the use of
113 reusable water bottles when a capital project is undertaken or such
114 drinking fountains are replaced; and (2) ensure that such bottle-filling
115 stations remain operational and accessible to the public.

116 (b) The Department of Administrative Services shall develop
117 guidelines for compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
118 section.

119 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
120 study the reduction in single-use plastics in the state. Such study shall
121 identify sustainable alternatives to such single-use plastics, develop
122 recommendations for single-use plastics reduction, develop an
123 implementation plan for the elimination of single-use plastics, including
124 appropriate alternatives, disposal and budgeting, develop options for
125 enforcement of such elimination and determine reasonable time frames
126 for the implementation of additional reductions in single-use plastics in
127 the state.

128 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members who shall
129 have experience or expertise in the areas of school nutrition programs,
130 business interests, restaurant operations, recycling, municipal
131 operations, plastics reduction, industries that utilize single-use plastics
132 or hospital operations:

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

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

135 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
136 Representatives;

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

138 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
139 Representatives;

- 140 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 141 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
142 the commissioner's designee;
- 143 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
144 designee;
- 145 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
146 secretary's designee; and
- 147 (10) The Commissioner of the Department of Education, or the
148 commissioner's designee.
- 149 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
150 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
151 of the General Assembly.
- 152 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
153 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
154 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 155 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
156 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
157 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
158 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
159 days after the effective date of this section.
- 160 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
161 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
162 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 163 (g) Not later than February 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
164 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
165 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
166 environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
167 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
168 submits such report or February 1, 2026, whichever is later.

169 Sec. 6. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 16-244bb of the general
170 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
171 (*Effective from passage*):

172 (a) There is established an account to be known as the sustainable
173 materials management account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
174 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain moneys
175 collected by the alternative compliance payment for Class II renewable
176 portfolio standards pursuant to subsection (h) of section 16-244c and
177 subsection (k) of section 16-245 and moneys deposited pursuant to
178 subsection (f) of section 22a-232. The Commissioner of Energy and
179 Environmental Protection shall expend moneys from the account for the
180 purposes of the program established under this section, provided the
181 commissioner may also pledge such moneys for revenue bonds the
182 proceeds of which shall be used to support waste infrastructure projects
183 described in this section. The commissioner shall have a goal of
184 allocating not less than twenty per cent of such total moneys to
185 municipalities with populations not exceeding twenty thousand.

186 (b) On and after January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Energy and
187 Environmental Protection shall establish and administer a sustainable
188 materials management program to support solid waste reduction in the
189 state through the provision of funding from the sustainable materials
190 management account for purposes, including, but not limited to, grants,
191 revolving loans, technical assistance, consulting services and waste
192 characterization studies, to support programs and projects
193 implemented by entities, including, but not limited to, municipalities,
194 nonprofits and regional waste authorities. Funding from such program
195 may be used to support the improvement of existing resource recovery
196 facilities and the development of infrastructure necessary for the
197 management of solid waste materials at upgraded, expanded or
198 proposed facilities selected pursuant to section 22a-268h. Such
199 programs and projects shall promote affordable, sustainable and self-
200 sufficient management of waste within the state by reducing solid waste
201 generation or diverting solid waste from disposal, consistent with the

202 state-wide solid waste management plan established pursuant to
203 section 22a-228."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-244b(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	22a-226e(d) and (e)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	16-244bb(a) and (b)