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

5 (1) "Single-use plastic" means any disposable plastic stirrer, splash
6 stick or foodware accessory intended for one-time use. "Single-use
7 plastic" does not include any beverage container, as defined in section
8 22a-243 of the general statutes;

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

13 (3) "Polystyrene" means any blown polystyrene, expanded foam or

14 extruded foam that is a thermoplastic petrochemical material that
15 utilizes a styrene monomer and that is processed by any number of
16 techniques, including, but not limited to, the fusion of polymer spheres,
17 injection molding, foam molding or extrusion-blown molding.
18 "Polystyrene" does not include any meat tray used for prepared foods
19 or any egg carton.

20 (b) On and after July 1, 2028, no state or municipal agency, vendor
21 with a government contract, school, business or food vendor shall sell,
22 use, purchase or provide any: (1) Foodware or beverage product
23 composed, in whole or in part, of polystyrene, including, but not limited
24 to, takeout containers, trays and cups, (2) packaging product composed
25 of polystyrene, except packaging peanuts, (3) plastic stirrer or splash
26 stick, following the expiration of any such contract that provides for the
27 sale, use, purchase or provision of any such product, packaging product,
28 plastic stirrer, splash stick or foodware accessory as of such date.

29 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any municipality from
30 adopting and enforcing ordinances that impose stricter restrictions on
31 single-use plastics than those set forth in this section.

32 (d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to
33 any packaging product composed of polystyrene or that contains
34 polystyrene loose fill that: (1) Is used for prepackaged food that was
35 filled and sealed prior to receipt by a retail establishment, business or
36 food vendor, (2) is used to contain or store raw or frozen meat or seafood
37 sold from a butcher case or similar retail appliance, (3) is a cooler or ice
38 chest, provided such polystyrene is fully encased in another material, or
39 (4) is a reusable polystyrene for agricultural use. Additionally, the
40 provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to any patient
41 care unit in a hospital, including a chronic disease hospital, or
42 rehabilitation facility if such facility determines that there is a legitimate
43 need to use polystyrene foodware or beverage products to serve such
44 patients.

45 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to

46 study the reduction in single-use plastics in the state. Such study shall
47 identify sustainable alternatives to such single-use plastics, develop
48 recommendations for single-use plastics reduction, propose a plan and
49 identify resources for the enforcement of section 1 of this act, including
50 by school districts, develop an implementation plan for the elimination
51 of single-use plastics, including appropriate alternatives, disposal and
52 budgeting, develop options for enforcement of such elimination and
53 determine reasonable time frames for the implementation of additional
54 reductions in single-use plastics in the state.

55 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members who shall
56 have experience or expertise in the areas of school nutrition programs,
57 business interests, restaurant operations, recycling, municipal
58 operations, plastics reduction, industries that utilize single-use plastics
59 or hospital operations:

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

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

62 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
63 Representatives;

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

65 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
66 Representatives;

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

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

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

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

74 (10) The Commissioner of the Department of Education, or the
75 commissioner's designee.

76 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
77 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
78 of the General Assembly.

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

82 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
83 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
84 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
85 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
86 days after the effective date of this section.

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

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

96 Sec. 3. Section 22a-226e of the general statutes is amended by adding
97 subsections (f) and (g) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

98 (NEW) (f) Each commercial food wholesaler or distributor, industrial
99 food manufacturer or processor, supermarket, institution, other than a
100 restaurant, resort or conference center that generates an average
101 projected volume of not less than twenty-six tons per year of source-
102 separated organic material, including any source-separated organic
103 material subject to the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this

104 section, shall, on or before January 1, 2026, adopt a written policy
105 pertaining to a food donation program that: (1) Describes how the
106 wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer, processor, supermarket,
107 institution, resort or conference center will make best efforts to donate
108 excess edible food, as determined by such entity, using acceptable
109 industry standards; (2) is designed to (A) reduce such wholesaler's,
110 distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's, institution's,
111 resort's or conference center's food waste, (B) support the operations of
112 food relief organizations, and (C) ensure that all food donated by such
113 wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer, processor, supermarket, resort or
114 conference center under such policy is safe and fit for human
115 consumption; (3) provides for the education of such wholesaler's,
116 distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's, institution's,
117 resort's or conference center's management, employees and third-party
118 vendors who manage food for such facility regarding the food
119 distribution process and the relationship between such process and food
120 waste; (4) requires such wholesaler, distributor, manufacturer,
121 processor, supermarket, institution, resort or conference center to make
122 reasonable efforts to identify, and partner with, not less than two food
123 relief organizations for the purpose of donating excess edible food to
124 such food relief organizations prior to any such food becoming source-
125 separated organic material, as described in subsections (a) and (b) of this
126 section; and (5) includes a framework to formalize and streamline such
127 wholesaler's, distributor's, manufacturer's, processor's, supermarket's,
128 institution's, resort's or conference center's protocols concerning food
129 donation.

130 (NEW) (g) If multiple wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers,
131 processors, supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers
132 subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section are under
133 common ownership, such wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers,
134 processors, supermarkets, institutions, resorts or conference centers
135 may adopt a common written policy for the purpose of compliance with
136 the provisions of subsection (f) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	22a-226e(f) and (g)

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