
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5157

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIRE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

A 2023 law required the establishment of a statewide stewardship program to manage discarded tires (PA 23-62). Among other things, it required tire producers, by January 1, 2025, to join a stewardship organization and submit plans to implement the program to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for its approval.

This bill requires tire retailers to join a stewardship organization by July 1, 2027. Under current law, their participation in a tire stewardship organization is voluntary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Tire Stewardship Program Requirements

Under existing law, the tire stewardship program must, to the extent technologically and economically practicable, establish and manage a statewide collection system for tires. This program must, among other things, provide for:

1. free public access to the collection system (i.e. drop-off) for discarded tires;
2. suitable storage containers for tires, as needed, throughout the collection system;
3. public promotion and education about the program; and
4. market development, as needed, to meet performance goals.

The program must be financed through producer funding and ensure

that discarded tires are (1) picked up from the collection system and transported for recycling and (2) resold or recycled (CGS § 22a-905i). The DEEP commissioner may civilly enforce the program's requirements under her existing authority, and the Attorney General, at the commissioner's request, may bring an action in the New Britain superior court for an order to enjoin any act, practice, or omission in violation of the tire stewardship program requirements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/04/2026)