



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 234

LCO No. 3785



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION USED IN ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
2 chapter 446d of the general statutes, the Department of Energy and
3 Environmental Protection shall establish a municipal curbside food
4 waste collection pilot program. Such pilot program shall consist of
5 three municipalities that are located not more than twenty miles from a
6 permitted and operational anaerobic digester in the state. The
7 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall provide
8 for the coordination among such municipalities, the department,
9 collectors of solid waste and the owner or operator of such anaerobic
10 digesters to establish the separate curbside collection of food waste
11 from subscribed or designated residential customers of such collectors
12 for a six-month period and for the use of such separately collected food
13 waste in such anaerobic digester. Each collector shall provide each
14 residential customer of such collector who participates in such pilot
15 program with educational materials that instruct such residential
16 customer on how to properly participate in such program and

17 segregate food waste for collection. Additionally, each residential
 18 customer who participates in such pilot program shall be provided a
 19 countertop compost bin and certified compostable bags by such
 20 collector at no charge or a reduced charge. The Commissioner of
 21 Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in
 22 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 23 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 24 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status of such
 25 pilot program and any recommendations for continuation or
 26 expansion of such pilot program. Such report shall be submitted to
 27 said committee not later than February 1, 2020. For purposes of this
 28 section, "certified compostable bag" means any bag made from
 29 materials that are compostable to ASTM D6400 standard and third-
 30 party BPI Certified, certified as home compostable by TUV
 31 Compostable Home Certification and that contain a minimum of forty
 32 per cent plant-sourced renewable content and that are green or brown
 33 in color.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
(NEW)	October 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To facilitate the reuse of home-generated food waste and anaerobic food digesters in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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