

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife to which was
3 referred Senate Bill No. 285 entitled “An act relating to universal recycling
4 requirements” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by
6 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the
7 following:

8 * * * Solid Waste Management Facility Requirements * * *

9 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6605 is amended to read:

10 § 6605. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY CERTIFICATION

11 (a)(1) No person shall construct, substantially alter, or operate any solid
12 waste management facility without first obtaining certification from the
13 Secretary for such facility, site, or activity, except for sludge or septage
14 treatment or storage facilities located within the fenced area of a domestic
15 wastewater treatment plant permitted under chapter 47 of this title. This
16 exemption for sludge or septage treatment or storage facilities shall exist
17 only if:

18 (A) the treatment facility does not ~~utilize~~ use a process to ~~further~~
19 reduce pathogens further in order to qualify for marketing and distribution; and

20 (B) the facility is not a drying bed, lagoon, or nonconcrete
21 bunker; and

1 in a manner consistent with the priority uses established under subdivisions
2 6605k(a)(2)-(5) of this title.

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4 (1) ~~A facility certified under this section that offers the collection of~~
5 ~~municipal solid waste shall not charge a separate fee for the collection of~~
6 ~~mandated recyclables.~~ A facility certified under this section may incorporate
7 the cost of the collection of mandated recyclables into the cost of the collection
8 of municipal solid waste and may adjust the charge for the collection of
9 municipal solid waste. A facility certified under this section may charge a
10 separate fee for the collection of mandated recyclables, leaf and yard residuals,
11 or food residuals. If a facility collects mandated recyclables from a
12 commercial hauler, the facility may charge a fee for the collection of those
13 mandated recyclables.

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15 * * * Commercial Hauler Requirements * * *

16 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 6607a is amended to read:

17 § 6607a. WASTE TRANSPORTATION

18 (a) A commercial hauler desiring to transport waste within the State shall
19 apply to the Secretary for a permit to do so, by submitting an application on a
20 form prepared for this purpose by the Secretary and by submitting the
21 disclosure statement described in section 6605f of this title. These permits

1 shall have a duration of five years and shall be renewed annually. The
2 application shall indicate the nature of the waste to be hauled. The Secretary
3 may specify conditions that the Secretary deems necessary to assure
4 compliance with State law.

5 (b) As used in this section:

6 (1) “Commercial hauler” means:

7 (A) any person that transports regulated quantities of hazardous
8 waste; and

9 (B) any person that transports solid waste for compensation in a
10 vehicle.

11 (2) The commercial hauler required to obtain a permit under this section
12 is the legal or commercial entity that is transporting the waste, rather than the
13 individual employees and subcontractors of the legal or commercial entity. In
14 the case of a sole proprietorship, the sole proprietor is the commercial entity.

15 (3) The Secretary shall not require a commercial hauler to obtain a
16 permit under this section, comply with the disclosure requirements of this
17 section, comply with the reporting and registration requirements of section
18 6608 of this title, or pay the fee specified in 3 V.S.A. § 2822, if:

19 (A) the commercial hauler does not transport more than four cubic
20 yards of solid waste at any time; and

1 required to comply with the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection
2 and subsection (h) of this section for the material addressed by the ordinance if
3 the ordinance:

4 (A) is applicable to all residents of the municipality;

5 (B) prohibits a resident from opting out of municipally provided solid
6 waste services; and

7 (C) does not apply a variable rate for the collection for the material
8 addressed by the ordinance.

9 (3) A commercial hauler is not required to comply with the requirements
10 of subdivision (1)(A), ~~(B), or (C)~~ or (B) of this subsection in a specified area
11 within a municipality if:

12 (A) the Secretary has approved a solid waste implementation plan for
13 the municipality;

14 (B) for purposes of waiver of the requirements of subdivision (1)(A)
15 of this subsection (g), the Secretary determines that under the approved plan:

16 (i) the municipality is achieving the per capita disposal rate in the
17 State Solid Waste Plan; and

18 (ii) the municipality demonstrates that its progress toward meeting
19 the diversion goal in the State Solid Waste Plan is substantially equivalent to
20 that of municipalities complying with the requirements of subdivision (1)(A)
21 of this subsection (g);

1 (C) the approved plan delineates an area where solid waste
2 management services required by subdivision (1)(A), ~~(B)~~, or ~~(C)~~ or (B) of this
3 subsection (g) are not required; and

4 (D) in the delineated area, alternatives to the services, including on-
5 site management, required under subdivision (1)(A), ~~(B)~~, or ~~(C)~~ or (B) of this
6 subsection (g) are offered, the alternative services have capacity to serve the
7 needs of all residents in the delineated area, and the alternative services are
8 convenient to residents of the delineated area.

9 (4) A commercial hauler is not required to comply with the requirements
10 of subdivision (1)(A), ~~(B)~~, or ~~(C)~~ or (B) of this subsection for mandated
11 recyclables, ~~leaf and yard residuals~~, or food residuals collected as part of a
12 litter collection.

13 (h) A commercial hauler certified under this section that offers the
14 collection of municipal solid waste may not charge a separate line item fee on
15 a bill to a residential customer for the collection of mandated recyclables,
16 provided that a commercial hauler may charge a fee for all service calls, stops,
17 or collections at a residential property and a commercial hauler may charge a
18 tiered or variable fee based on the size of the collection container provided to a
19 residential customer or the amount of waste collected from a residential
20 customer. A commercial hauler certified under this section may incorporate
21 the cost of the collection of mandated recyclables into the cost of the collection

1 of solid waste and may adjust the charge for the collection of solid waste. A
2 commercial hauler certified under this section that offers the collection of solid
3 waste may charge a separate fee for the collection of ~~leaf and yard residuals or~~
4 food residuals from a residential customer.

5 (i) A commercial hauler that operates a bag-drop or fast-trash site at a fixed
6 location to collect municipal solid waste shall offer at the site all collection
7 services required under 10 V.S.A. § 6605(j).

8 Sec. 3. UNIVERSAL RECYCLING STAKEHOLDER GROUP;

9 COMMERCIAL HAULER SERVICES; FOOD RESIDUAL

10 COLLECTION SERVICES

11 (a) The Agency of Natural Resources has convened a Universal Recycling
12 Stakeholder Group to provide valuable input, advice, and assistance to the
13 Agency and the State in the implementation of 2012 Acts and Resolves
14 No. 148 (Act 148). The work of the Stakeholder Group has been integral to
15 the successful implementation of Act 148 and the work of the Stakeholder
16 Group is commended by the General Assembly.

17 (b) As part of the ongoing Agency of Natural Resource's Universal
18 Recycling Stakeholder Group, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall seek
19 the input of the Stakeholder Group regarding the requirement under 10 V.S.A.
20 § 6607a(g) that commercial solid waste haulers offer the service of collection

1 of food residuals separate from other solid waste beginning July 1, 2020. The
2 Secretary shall request that the Stakeholder Group review whether:

3 (1) the requirements under subsection 6607a(g) should be amended so
4 that commercial haulers are only required to offer collection of food residuals:

5 (A) in municipalities, solid waste management districts, or other
6 areas based on population, housing, or route density; or

7 (B) based on other appropriate criteria specified by the Working
8 Group.

9 (2) sufficient regional capacity to process food residuals is available to
10 allow for the collection of food residuals by all commercial solid waste haulers
11 beginning on July 1, 2020.

12 (b) The Secretary of Natural Resources, after consultation with the
13 Universal Recycling Stakeholder Group, shall include in the report required
14 under 660? of this title recommendations addressing subdivisions (a)(1) and
15 (2) of this section.

16 * * * Food Residual Management * * *

17 Sec. 4. 10 V.S.A. § 6605k(b) is amended to read:

18 (b) A person who produces more than an amount identified under
19 subsection (c) of this section in food residuals ~~and is located within 20 miles of~~
20 ~~a certified organics management facility that has available capacity and that is~~
21 ~~willing to accept the food residuals shall:~~

1 **(b) The Secretary shall request from the pilot project information necessary**
2 **for evaluation of the project, including:**

3 **(1) whether the pilot project was effectively implemented;**

4 **(2) the collection opportunities for plastic film, including convenience;**

5 **(3) the education or outreach provided regarding opportunities or**
6 **methods for reducing the use or disposal of plastic film;**

7 **(4) costs to operate the pilot project; and**

8 **(5) any measurable reduction achieved in the amount of plastic film**
9 **disposed of as solid waste.**

10 **(c) In the testimony required under subsection (a) of this section, the**
11 **Secretary shall:**

12 **(1) summarize the effectiveness of the pilot project based on**
13 **information collected under subsection (a);**

14 **(2) recommend whether the State should encourage the pilot project to**
15 **continue; and**

16 **(3) recommend to what extent or at what percentage the unclaimed**
17 **beverage container deposits should be allowed to be retained by beverage**
18 **manufacturers or distributors to assist in paying for the costs of collection and**
19 **recycling of plastic film or mandated recyclables.**

20 **(d) As used in this section:**

1 (1) “Mandated recyclables” shall have the same meaning as in
2 10 V.S.A. § 6601.

3 (2) “Plastic film” means single-use bags or coverings of consumer
4 products made from plastic resins or derived from nonrenewable, petroleum-
5 based feedstocks, including laundry or dry cleaning coverings, coverings or
6 bags for clothes sold at retail, plastic film grocery sacks, plastic film shopping
7 bags, fresh produce bags, and newspaper sleeves.

8 Sec. 6. 10 V.S.A. § 1530 is added to read:

9 § 1530. ABANDONED BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSITS; DEPOSIT
10 TRANSACTION ACCOUNT; BEVERAGE REDEMPTION FUND

11 (a) As used in this section, “deposit initiator” means the first distributor or
12 manufacturer to collect the deposit on a beverage container sold to any person
13 within the State.

14 (b) A deposit initiator shall open a separate interest-bearing account in a
15 Vermont branch of a financial institution to be known as the deposit
16 transaction account. The deposit initiator shall keep the deposit transaction
17 account separate from all other revenues and accounts.

18 (c) Beginning on July 1, 2020, each deposit initiator shall deposit in its
19 deposit transaction account the refund value established by section 1522 of this
20 title for all beverage containers sold by the deposit initiator. The deposit
21 initiator shall deposit the refund value for each beverage container in the

1 account not more than three business days after the date on which the beverage
2 container is sold. All interest, dividends, and returns earned on the deposit
3 transaction account shall be paid directly to the account. The deposit initiator
4 shall pay all refunds on returned beverage containers from the deposit
5 transaction account.

6 (d) Beginning on October 10, 2020, and quarterly thereafter, every deposit
7 initiator shall report to the Secretary of Natural Resources and the
8 Commissioner of Taxes concerning transactions affecting the deposit
9 initiator's deposit transaction account in the preceding quarter. The deposit
10 initiator shall submit the report on a form provided by the Commissioner of
11 Taxes. The report shall include:

12 (1) the balance of the account at the beginning of the preceding quarter;

13 (2) the number of beverage containers sold in the preceding quarter and
14 the number of beverage containers returned in the preceding quarter;

15 (3) the amount of beverage container deposits received by the deposit
16 initiator and deposited into the deposit transaction account;

17 (4) the amount of refund payments made from the deposit transaction
18 account in the preceding quarter;

19 (5) any income earned on the deposit transaction account in the
20 preceding quarter;

1 (6) any other transactions, withdrawals, or service charges on the
2 deposit transaction account from the preceding quarter; and

3 (7) any additional information required by the Commissioner of Taxes.

4 (e)(1) On or before October 10, 2020, and quarterly thereafter, each deposit
5 initiator shall remit from its deposit transaction account to the Commissioner
6 of Taxes any abandoned beverage container deposits from the preceding
7 quarter. The amount of abandoned beverage container deposits for a quarter is
8 the amount equal to the amount of deposits that should be in the deposit
9 transaction account less the sum of:

10 (A) income earned on amounts on the account during that
11 quarter; and

12 (B) the total amount of refund value paid out by the deposit initiator
13 for beverage containers during that quarter.

14 (2) In any calendar quarter, the deposit initiator may submit to the
15 Commissioner of Taxes a request for reimbursement of refunds paid under this
16 chapter that exceed the funds that are or should be in the deposit initiator's
17 deposit transaction account. The Commissioner of Taxes shall pay a request
18 for reimbursement under this subdivision from the funds remitted to the
19 Commissioner under subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided that:

1 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE