

1 H.576

2 Introduced by Representative Brennan of Colchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; solid waste; food residuals; recycling

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to exempt

7 agricultural fairs and permitted festivals from the requirement to manage the

8 disposal of food residuals.

9 An act relating to the management of food residuals by agricultural fairs  
10 and festivals

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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

13 § 6605k. FOOD RESIDUALS; MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY

14 (a) It is the policy of the State that food residuals collected under the  
15 requirements of this chapter shall be managed according to the following order  
16 of priority uses:

17 (1) reduction of the amount generated at the source;

18 (2) diversion for food consumption by humans;

19 (3) diversion for agricultural use, including consumption by animals;

20 (4) composting, land application, and digestion; and

1 (5) energy recovery.

2 (b) A person who produces more than an amount identified under  
3 subsection (c) of this section in food residuals shall:

4 (1) separate food residuals from other solid waste, provided that a de  
5 minimis amount of food residuals may be disposed of in solid waste when a  
6 person has established a program to separate food residuals and the program  
7 includes a component for the education of program users regarding the need to  
8 separate food residuals; and

9 (2) arrange for the transfer of food residuals to a location that manages  
10 food residuals in a manner consistent with the priority uses established under  
11 subdivisions (a)(2)-(5) of this section or shall manage food residuals on site.

12 (c) The following persons shall be subject to the requirements of subsection  
13 (b) of this section:

14 (1) beginning July 1, 2014, a person whose acts or processes produce  
15 more than 104 tons per year of food residuals;

16 (2) beginning July 1, 2015, a person whose acts or processes produce  
17 more than 52 tons per year of food residuals;

18 (3) beginning July 1, 2016, a person whose acts or processes produce  
19 more than 26 tons per year of food residuals;

20 (4) beginning July 1, 2017, a person whose acts or processes produce  
21 more than 18 tons per year of food residuals; and

1           (5) beginning July 1, 2020, any person who generates any amount of  
2 food residuals.

3           (d) The following persons or events are exempt from the requirements of  
4 subsection (b) of this section:

5           (1) agricultural fairs registered with the Secretary of Agriculture, Food  
6 and Markets under 20 V.S.A. § 3902; and

7           (2) an event operating under a festival permit issued by the Department  
8 of Liquor and Lottery under 7 V.S.A. § 753.

9           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.