

1 S.159

2 Introduced by Senator Rodgers

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Conservation and development; solid waste; waste transportation;  
6 recycling; disposal requirements; economic market

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a  
8 commercial hauler to charge a fee for the recycling of mandated recyclables at  
9 a bag-drop or fast-trash site. This bill also proposes to repeal the requirement  
10 that commercial haulers offer collection services for food residuals by July 1,  
11 2020. Lastly, this bill proposes to grant the Secretary of Natural Resources the  
12 authority to suspend the application of the landfill disposal ban on mandated  
13 recyclables under certain conditions.

14 An act relating to the collection of mandated recyclables and food waste

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

16 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. 6607a is amended to read:

17 § 6607a. WASTE TRANSPORTATION

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1 (g)(1) Except as set forth in subdivisions (2), (3), and (4) of this subsection,  
2 beginning on July 1, 2015, a commercial hauler that offers the collection of  
3 municipal solid waste:

4 (A) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2015~~, shall offer to collect mandated  
5 recyclables separate from other solid waste and deliver mandated recyclables  
6 to a facility maintained and operated for the management and recycling of  
7 mandated recyclables.

8 (B) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2020~~, shall offer collection of food residuals  
9 separate from other solid waste and deliver to a location that manages food  
10 residuals in a manner consistent with the priority uses established under  
11 subdivisions ~~6605k(a)(2) (5)~~ of this title.

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13 (i) A commercial hauler that operates a bag-drop or fast-trash site at a fixed  
14 location to collect municipal solid waste shall offer at the site all collection  
15 services required under 10 V.S.A. § 6605(j). A commercial hauler certified  
16 under this section may charge a separate fee for the collection of mandated  
17 recyclables at a bag-drop or fast-trash site located at a fixed location.

18 Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. § 6621a is amended to read:

19 § 6621a. LANDFILL DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

20 (a) In accordance with the following schedule, no person shall knowingly  
21 dispose of the following materials in solid waste or in landfills:

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(9) Mandated recyclable materials after July 1, 2015.

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(e)(1) The Secretary may suspend the application of the landfill disposal ban for any mandated recyclable under subdivision (a)(9) to a solid waste management facility upon a finding that:

(A) an economic market does not exist for the recycling of a mandated recyclable; and

(B) adequate uses are not reasonably available to serve as an alternative to disposal.

(2) For the purpose of this subsection, an “economic market” exists for a mandated recyclable when the cost of collection, transportation, and disposal of a mandated recyclable is equal to or greater than the cost of collection, transportation, and sale of the same material, less the amount received from the sale.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.