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**Act No. 58 (H. 67). An act relating to household products containing hazardous substances**

**Subjects: Conservation and development; hazardous waste; consumer products; household hazardous products**

This act establishes an extended producer responsibility program for the collection and disposition of covered household hazardous products. “Covered household hazardous product” is defined as a consumer product offered for retail sale contained in the receptacle the product is offered for sale, if the product meets any of the following: the product or product component is a hazardous waste; or the product is a gas cylinder. Beginning six months after the Agency of Natural Resources’ (ANR’s) final decision on the adequacy of a collection plan, a manufacturer shall be prohibited from selling covered household hazardous products unless the manufacturer participates in a stewardship organization implementing an approved plan. The act requires a stewardship organization to annually register with ANR. Prior to July 1, 2025, any stewardship organization representing manufacturers of covered household hazardous products shall coordinate and submit to ANR a collection plan for review. A collection plan shall list all of the manufacturers, brands, and products covered by the plan and shall provide for free collection and require acceptance of any covered product regardless of manufacturer. A collection plan shall provide for convenient collection and allow all municipal collection programs and facilities to opt to be part of the plan. A collection plan shall provide public outreach and education about the availability and location of a collection program as well as any special handling considerations and information on source reduction for consumers. In addition, the first collection plan shall include a performance goal of participation by 5 percent of Vermont households. Not later than 18 months after the date a collection plan has been implemented, and annually thereafter, a stewardship organization shall report to ANR regarding implementation of the plan, including the volume or weight by hazard category of collected covered household hazardous products and the number of covered entities participating at each collection facility or event and whether the performance goal was met. On or before September 1, 2030 and every five years thereafter, a stewardship organization shall complete an independent third party audit of the effectiveness of the collection plan. ANR shall review and approve collection plans, plan amendments, and registration of stewardship organization. ANR shall report to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2024 with a recommended fee for the registration of stewardship organizations. Covered household hazardous products shall be banned from landfill disposal after July 1, 2025.

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