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## Fiscal Note

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### **H.319 – An act relating to miscellaneous environmental subjects**

**As recommended by the House Committee on Environment<sup>1,i</sup>**

#### **Bill Summary**

**T**his bill proposes amendments to various environmental statutes. Section 7 (Agency Responsibilities) could have a potential fiscal impact on State revenues.

#### **Section 7: Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Administration of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Plans**

Section 7 would require the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt and administer certain household hazardous waste collection plans if manufacturers fail to meet their obligations to submit these plans to the State under 10 V.S.A. § 7183 by July 1, 2025. If manufacturers comply by the deadline, the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) would not be required to take this action.

Under current law, manufacturers must run collection programs for specified household hazardous waste, with ANR overseeing and approving their plans. The proposed language in this section would act as a contingency: if manufacturers do not submit their required plans by July 1, 2025, ANR must implement one on their behalf. The State would recover its costs by charging each manufacturer a prorated share of plan administration and oversight costs, plus an additional charge equal to 10% of the plan's total cost. This charge would be deposited in the Solid Waste Management Account within the Waste Management Assistance Fund to support pollution prevention and hazardous waste reduction grants for municipalities and small businesses.

Based on information provided by ANR, the fiscal impact of this section on Solid Waste Management Account revenue is likely de minimis. ANR expects the potential imposition of a 10% charge would incentivize full manufacturer compliance, meaning it is unlikely to be triggered. To the extent this expectation holds, no additional State revenue or costs will be generated by this provision in fiscal year 2026 or beyond.

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<sup>i</sup> *The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be accessed through a bill number search on the JFO page.*

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