



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6609

LCO No. 3386



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY
FOR SMOKE DETECTORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2022, the
2 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a
3 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
4 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
5 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment concerning:
6 (1) Current best practices for residents of the state to dispose of or
7 recycle residential smoke detectors, (2) any hazardous waste concerns
8 that arise from the disposal or recycling of residential smoke detectors,
9 (3) achieved or estimated current state rates for the proper disposal or
10 recycling of residential smoke detectors, (4) the efficacy of extended
11 producer responsibility programs to yield higher rates of proper
12 disposal or recycling of residential smoke detectors than are currently
13 achieved or estimated in the state, and (5) legislative recommendations
14 concerning the disposal or recycling of residential smoke detectors,
15 including, but not limited to, components of any recommended
16 extended producer responsibility program for such smoke detectors

17 and any consumer awareness efforts for the proper disposal or recycling
18 of residential smoke detectors. For purposes of this section, "residential
19 smoke detector" means any battery-operated or plug-in smoke detector
20 intended for use in a residential dwelling, any carbon monoxide
21 detector intended for use in a residential dwelling and any smoke
22 detector and carbon monoxide detector combination intended for use in
23 a residential dwelling.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To determine the need for extended producer responsibility for smoke detectors in order to keep potential hazardous wastes out of the solid waste stream and facilitate consumer disposal of such expired devices.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]