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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR TIRES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1,
4 2024, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
5 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
6 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
7 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on
8 beneficial end uses in this state for discarded tires that result in the
9 recycling of such discarded tires in this state rather than the export and
10 burning of such discarded tires. In preparing such report, the
11 commissioner shall identify and evaluate beneficial end uses that can be
12 realized in this state for such discarded tires, including, but not limited

13 to, the use of such discarded tires in pathways and trails for pedestrians
14 and bikes and construction materials, including, but not limited to,
15 roofing shingles.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2024,
17 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
18 establish a tire hauler license. Such tire hauler license shall be required
19 of any person who engages in the commercial hauling of discarded tires
20 in this state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require such
21 licensure for any person transporting used tires in this state for
22 verifiable personal use. In establishing such license, the commissioner
23 may establish a reasonable fee for such license. Any such license shall
24 require that such licensee maintain a manifest, does not illegally dump
25 such tires and only delivers such tires to facilities that store, dispose of
26 or use such discarded tires in a manner that is protective of public health
27 and the environment. The commissioner may prescribe the form and
28 manner of application for such license. In developing such tire hauler
29 license requirements, the commissioner may review and consider the
30 tire hauler license and permit requirements of other states, including,
31 but not limited to, the states of Michigan, Maryland and Texas. The
32 commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions
33 of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this
34 section.

35 Sec. 3. (NEW)(*Effective from passage*) (a) Up to \$1,000,000 shall be
36 appropriated annually to the Department of Energy and Environmental
37 Protection, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to
38 establish a Tire Amnesty Grant Fund and administer a program to
39 support tire waste reduction strategies, including a Tire Amnesty Grant
40 Program.

41 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
42 administer a grant program to provide a grant-in-aid to any
43 municipality approved for such grant-in-aid by the Department of
44 Energy and Environmental Protection for the costs associated with
45 management of discarded tires.

46 (c) Any municipality may apply for a grant-in-aid pursuant to this
47 section to the commissioner on such form and in such manner as
48 prescribed by the commissioner, who may further prescribe additional
49 technical or procurement requirements as a condition of receiving such
50 grant-in-aid.

51 (d) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
52 distribute grants-in-aid pursuant to this section during the fiscal years
53 ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

54 Sec. 4 (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) Each tire retailer shall
55 prominently display at the point of sale, on its website and available in
56 print, an informational fact sheet. The fact sheet shall identify ways to
57 properly dispose of the waste tire and present information on the
58 problems caused by improper waste tire disposal.

59 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The co-chairpersons and
60 ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
61 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment
62 shall convene a working group to study methods for municipal
63 management of discarded tires as well as funding mechanisms for such
64 management and tire disposal. Such working group shall consist of
65 representatives from the tire retail, manufacturing, and recycling
66 industry, representatives of regional municipal solid waste (MSW) and
67 recycling management organizations, representatives from Connecticut
68 based environmental organizations with an interest in waste
69 management and preservation of state land and waterways, and a
70 representative from both the Connecticut Council of Municipalities and
71 the Council of Small Towns. The co-chairpersons, in consultation with
72 the ranking members, of said joint standing committee shall select the
73 members and chairperson of such working group. The chairperson of
74 such working group shall commence the first meeting of such working
75 group not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. In
76 developing such strategies, the working group shall contemplate other
77 solid waste management programs established by the state such as, but
78 not limited to, the CT nickel-for-Nip management program, established

79 in public act 21-58, and the Sustainable Material Management Grant
 80 Program, established in section 308 of special act 21-2. Not later than
 81 February 1, 2024, the chairperson of such working group shall submit a
 82 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
 83 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 84 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment detailing the
 85 work of such working group, including, but not limited to, explanations
 86 of any such strategies and identification of any policy proposals for the
 87 implementation of such strategies.

88 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision
 89 of the general statutes, the definition of tire "recycling" shall be amended
 90 to include the use of tires or processed materials that are incinerated or
 91 used as a fuel or fuel supplement, until January 1, 2030 or until the
 92 application of best practices identifies another commercially and
 93 economically viable market for such tires or processed materials,
 94 whichever occurs later.

95 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
 96 Transportation shall undertake the requisite laboratory testing and pilot
 97 program utilization of tire-derived asphalt on primary state roadways
 98 throughout the state. Not later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner
 99 shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
 100 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 101 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the efficacy
 102 and suitability of utilizing tire-derived asphalt on primary roadways
 103 throughout the state. Such report shall include, but need not be limited
 104 to, a recommendation concerning such use and an estimation of the
 105 volume or number of tires required to sustain any such recommended
 106 usage."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section