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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, MAY 6, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), entitled
2 "An act providing for planning for the processing and
3 disposal of municipal waste; requiring counties to submit
4 plans for municipal waste management systems within their
5 boundaries; authorizing grants to counties and municipalities
6 for planning, resource recovery and recycling; imposing and
7 collecting fees; establishing certain rights for host
8 municipalities; requiring municipalities to implement
9 recycling programs; requiring Commonwealth agencies to
10 procure recycled materials; imposing duties; granting powers
11 to counties and municipalities; authorizing the Environmental
12 Quality Board to adopt regulations; authorizing the
13 Department of Environmental Resources to implement this act;
14 providing remedies; prescribing penalties; establishing a
15 fund; and making repeals," providing for a schedule for
16 recycling.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 1501(c)(1)(i) of the act of July 28, 1988
20 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning,
21 Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, is amended and the subsection
22 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

23 Section 1501. Municipal implementation of recycling programs.

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1 (c) Contents.--The source-separation and collection program
2 shall include, at a minimum, the following elements:

3 (1) An ordinance or regulation adopted by the governing
4 body of the municipality, requiring all of the following:

5 (i) Persons to separate at least three materials
6 deemed appropriate by the municipality from other
7 municipal waste generated at their homes, apartments and
8 other residential establishments and to store such
9 materials until collection. The three materials shall be
10 chosen from the following: [clear glass, colored] glass,
11 aluminum, steel and bimetallic cans, high-grade office
12 paper, newsprint, corrugated paper and plastics. Nothing
13 in the ordinance or regulation shall be deemed to impair
14 the ownership of separated materials by the person who
15 generated them unless and until such materials are placed
16 at curbside or similar location for collection by the
17 municipality or its agents.

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19 (6) The following recycling schedule shall apply to the
20 materials listed in paragraph (1):

21 (i) Four of the seven materials shall be recycled by
22 the year 1994.

23 (ii) Five of the seven materials shall be recycled
24 by the year 1996.

25 (iii) Six of the seven materials shall be recycled
26 by the year 1998.

27 (iv) All materials shall be recycled by the year
28 2000.

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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1993.