
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
FEBRUARY 16, 2018

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," in recycling and waste reduction,
16 further providing for municipal implementation of recycling
17 programs.

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

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

1 Section 1501. Municipal implementation of recycling programs.

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

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

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8 (iv) Persons to separate clear glass, colored glass,
9 glass bottles, jars, beverage containers and other glass
10 materials deemed appropriate by the municipality
11 generated at commercial, municipal or institutional
12 establishments and from community activities and to store
13 the material until collection. The governing body of a
14 municipality shall exempt persons occupying commercial,
15 institutional and municipal establishments within its
16 municipal boundaries from the requirements of the
17 ordinance or regulation if those persons have otherwise
18 provided for the recycling of materials they are required
19 by this section to recycle. To be eligible for an
20 exemption under this subparagraph, a commercial or
21 institutional solid waste generator must annually provide
22 written documentation to the municipality of the total
23 number of tons recycled.

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25 (i) Glass recycling.--Clear glass, colored glass, glass
26 bottles, jars, beverage containers and other glass materials
27 that are recycled may be:

28 (1) Used as an aggregate in asphalt pavement or as a
29 subbase material under roadways in areas where the material
30 will not be frequently disturbed.

1 (2) Placed in a landfill if being beneficially reused in
2 the landfill, for drainage or for cover, fire prevention or
3 odor control.

4 (3) Used as a drainage material for utility trenches,
5 drain tile, aggregate under buildings, sandblasting material,
6 decorative landscaping material, septic tank treatment, sand
7 manufacturing or wastewater filtration.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.