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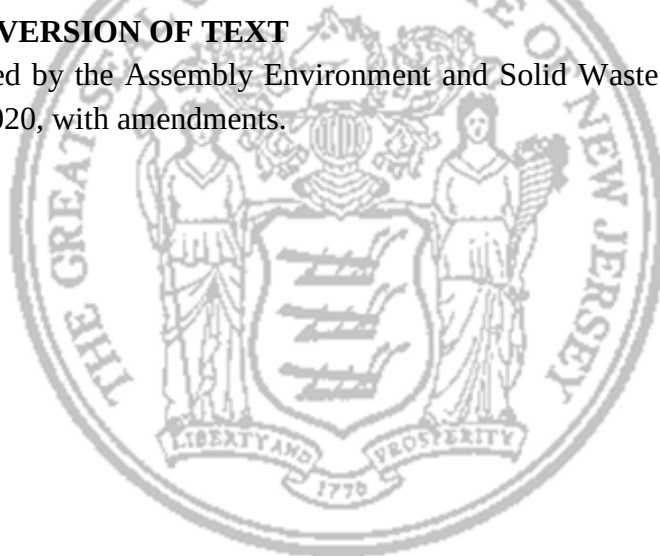
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SYNOPSIS

Urges Governor to make appointments to “Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management” and “Recycling Market Development Council.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee on October 8, 2020, with amendments.



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- 1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging the Governor to make
2 appointments to the “Advisory Council on Solid Waste
3 Management ¹” and the “Recycling Market Development
4 Council¹.”
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- 6 WHEREAS, The “Solid Waste Management Act,” P.L.1970, c.39
7 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), became law in 1970 and established a 14-
8 member council known as the “Advisory Council on Solid Waste
9 Management;” and
- 10 WHEREAS, Among the statutory duties of the ¹**[council]** “Advisory
11 Council on Solid Waste Management”¹ are making
12 recommendations to the Commissioner of Environmental
13 Protection on ways to improve solid waste management in the
14 State, studying regulations related to the disposal of medical waste
15 and making recommendations for improving such regulations, and
16 researching new methods for solid waste management, including
17 recycling; and
- 18 WHEREAS, The ¹**[council]** “Advisory Council on Solid Waste
19 Management”¹ is authorized to ¹**[possess]** include¹ ten public
20 members: four representing the solid waste collection, recycling,
21 and solid waste disposal industries, two representing the health care
22 industry, and four representing the general public ¹**[;]**¹ and ¹**[**
23 WHEREAS, The council¹ is intended to serve as a bridge between
24 regulators and private citizens with practical experience, leading to
25 more effective and efficient regulations; and
- 26 WHEREAS, The ¹**[council]** “Advisory Council on Solid Waste
27 Management”¹ is authorized to hold public hearings, giving citizens
28 of the State a platform to suggest improvements related to local
29 solid waste management or bring attention to a local problem that
30 may otherwise go unnoticed; and
- 31 WHEREAS, In particular, the ¹**[council]** “Advisory Council on Solid
32 Waste Management”¹ is needed to review and suggest changes to
33 the State Recycling Plan, as new markets are currently necessary to
34 handle recyclable materials; and
- 35 ¹WHEREAS, P.L.2019, c.439, approved on January 21, 2020,
36 established, in the Department of Environmental Protection, a
37 “Recycling Market Development Council” which is to consist of
38 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the State
39 Treasurer, or their designees, and six citizens of the State appointed
40 by the Governor; and
- 41 WHEREAS, The appointments of the public members, of which three
42 shall be actively engaged in the recycling industry and three shall
43 have expertise in the reuse and processing of recycled materials,
44 were to be appointed by the Governor no later than 60 days after
45 the effective date of P.L.2019, c.439; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AEN committee amendments adopted October 8, 2020.

1 WHEREAS, The “Recycling Market Development Council” is charged
2 with preparing, within one year after the effective date of P.L.2019,
3 c.439, a report to the Governor and the Legislature on the existing
4 markets that process, reuse, or recycle collected recyclable
5 materials, and providing recommendations on changes needed to
6 State laws, rules, or regulations to stimulate the creation of
7 domestic processing facilities, such as paper mills, and end-use
8 manufacturers of products with recycled content; and

9 WHEREAS, The “Recycling Market Development Council” is further
10 charged with developing best management practices to reduce the
11 contamination of collected recyclables, investigating how to
12 stimulate the use of collected recyclables in newly manufactured
13 products; investigating the feasibility of providing preferences for
14 products with recycled content, including how to stimulate the use
15 in public projects of products or materials with recycled content,
16 and investigating methods to improve the competitiveness of the
17 State as an exporter of recyclable materials; and¹

18 WHEREAS, Solid waste management is one of the most basic and
19 effective ways for State and local governments to protect the health
20 of their citizens and the environment, and the State should continue
21 to prioritize solid waste management by improving existing
22 regulations and planning ahead to meet future challenges; and

23 ¹WHEREAS, In the past, much of New Jersey’s and other states’
24 recyclable materials were sent to China for processing; however,
25 China has largely stopped accepting these materials from foreign
26 recycling businesses, disrupting the recycling stream in the State,
27 leading to a spike in recycling costs for residents, and causing
28 paper, plastics, electronics, and other recyclable materials to pile up
29 in warehouses and landfills as the State’s recycling industry is not
30 currently equipped to handle the excess of recyclable materials, and
31 recycling facilities in New Jersey do not make enough profit from
32 the recyclable materials they collect, process, and transport; and¹

33 WHEREAS, The ¹【council】 “Advisory Council on Solid Waste
34 Management”¹ has not been active during the last decade and
35 appointments of public members have not been made as
36 members' terms have expired ¹and the public members have not
37 yet been appointed to the “Recycling Market Development
38 Council”¹ ; and

39 WHEREAS, The ¹【council should be reactivated and the members
40 appointed】 public members should be appointed to both the
41 “Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management” and the
42 “Recycling Market Development Council”¹ so that ¹【the】 each¹
43 council can carry out its statutory duties; now, therefore,
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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
46 *Jersey:*

- 1 1. This House respectfully requests that the Governor
2 reactivate the “Advisory Council on Solid Waste Management” by
3 appointing public members to the council and designating a chair
4 and vice-chair, ¹and activate the “Recycling Market Development
5 Council” by appointing public members to the council and designating
6 a chair and vice-chair,¹ in order to improve solid waste management
7 in the State.
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- 9 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
10 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
11 Governor, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the
12 Commissioner of Health.