Tracking List: MCTA

HB280 (HD2666) - An Act relative to greywater recycling

Sponsor

Rep. Josh S. Cutler (D)

Summary

Enacts a new section into the General Laws defining and regulating greywater recycling systems (those reusing certain wastewater for irrigation purposes); defines Tier 1 and Tier 2 systems; sets forth standards for labeling and integration of wastewater systems. NOTE: This bill references a number of state regulations, which are subject to changes made by bodies other than the Legislature.

Actions

2023-01-19 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB318 (HD2081) - An Act relative to toxic free kids

Sponsor

Rep. Jim Hawkins (D)

Summary

Amends GL Chapter 21A (Department of Environmental Protection) to prohibit sale of children's products containing PFAS; directs department to develop list of chemicals of concern in children's products and requires manufacturers to notify department if their products contain more than a specified level of such chemicals; imposes reporting and publication requirements on department with respect to chemicals being used in children's products.

Actions

2023-01-19 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB764 (HD1033) - An Act incorporating embodied carbon into state climate policy

Sponsor

Rep. Michelle Ciccolo (D)

Summary

Adds a new section 12 in GL c.21N (Climate Protection and Green Economy Act) that requires the Massachusetts State Climate Chief to establish an Embodied Carbon Advisory Board, and sets forth the requirements for membership. The Office of Climate Innovation and Resilience is to provide staffing support and funding to the Embodied Carbon Advisory Board, including sufficient funding for administration, research, legal assistance, public outreach, publications, a public website, consulting and other functions. No later than 1 year after the formation of the Embodied Carbon Advisory Board, the Massachusetts State Climate Chief, in consultation with the Embodied Carbon Advisory Board and the department, is to submit a report to the House and Senate detailing the best policy mechanisms to measure, monitor, and reduce embodied carbon across all building types in the Commonwealth. For purposes of this bill, "embodied carbon" is the carbon dioxide and carbon dioxide equivalent emissions associated with materials and construction processes throughout the whole lifecycle of a building or infrastructure.

Actions

2023-01-18 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB776 (HD1439) - An Act reducing packaging waste in the Commonwealth

Sponsor

Rep. Josh S. Cutler (D)

Summary

Adds several new sections to GL Chapter 21A outlining provisions for the sustainable packaging of consumer goods sold in the Commonwealth; requires businesses to register with the Department of Environmental Protection annually and develop a program plan for the collection and recycling of post-consumer packaging; establishes a Sustainable Packaging Advisory Board and a Sustainable Packaging Trust to assist businesses and the Department in implementing these requirements.

Actions

2023-01-18 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB789 (HD3750) - An Act limiting toxics release inventory facilities in environmental justice communities

Sponsor

Rep. Michelle DuBois (D)

Summary

Adds two new sections to GL Chapter 30 directing EOEEA to promulgate regulations limiting the number of sites on the EPA Toxics Release Inventory in environmental justice communities.

Actions

2023-01-20 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB794 (HD3015) - An Act of leadership by the state of Massachusetts to reduce single use plastics

Sponsor

Rep. Dylan Fernandes (D)

Summary

Amends GL 7 (Executive Office for Administration and Finance) to direct the operational services division, in consultation with the department of environmental protection, to promulgate regulations to establish a process and develop criteria for determining the types of food service products that are reusable, recyclable, compostable or biodegradable; lists criteria for the division to consider in determining whether such product is reusable; further directs the division to develop a list of approved types of reusable, recyclable or compostable food service products to be used by food service facilities and to publish the list on its website; prohibits such facilities from dispensing single-use disposable bottles containing water or soda, or single-use plastic bags; establishes procedures for implementation of this Act.

Actions

2023-01-19 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB814 (HD930) - An Act empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides

Sponsor

Rep. Carmine Gentile (D)

Summary

Amends GL 132B:1 (Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act) to allow cities and towns to adopt ordinances and by-laws that regulate, restrict or prohibit the use and application or disposal of pesticides within the city or town that are more stringent than the standards and restrictions established by this chapter; excludes the transportation of pesticides from these provisions.

Actions

2023-01-17 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB816 (HD548) - An Act relative to solid waste disposal facilities

Sponsor

Rep. Jessica Giannino (D)

Summary

Amends GL 111:150A and 111:150A½ (Solid Waste Disposal Facilities) to allow local boards of health to adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing noise, smoke or odors produced by solid waste disposal facilities; grants local boards of health the authority to issue orders, citations, or civil penalties to enforce these rules and regulations; requires the Department of Environmental Protection to consider the production of smoke and odors when siting solid waste disposal facilities.

Actions

2023-01-13 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB817 (HD549) - An Act relative to landfills and areas of critical environmental concern

Sponsor

Rep. Jessica Giannino (D)

Summary

Prohibits the establishment or expansion of any form of landfill in or near an 'area of critical environmental concern,' as defined by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Actions

2023-01-13 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

HB824 (HD1166) - An Act further defining an environmental justice population

Sponsor

Rep. Rich Haggerty (D)

Summary

Amends SES 2021:8 (Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy) to add to definition of Environmental justice population a neighborhood that is located within ½ mile of a site which is or has previously been designated a Superfund site as defined by 42 USC § 1397h(c)(5).

Actions

2023-01-18 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB833 (HD1705) - An Act establishing the commission on extended producer responsibility

Sponsor

Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R)

Summary

Establishes an 11 member special commission on extended producer responsibility to study and report on implementing extended producer responsibility laws in the Commonwealth; articulates the qualifications of the commission members; directs the commission to research, evaluate and develop recommendations regarding the economic, environmental and public health benefits and costs of extended producer responsibility laws related to the manufacture and post-consumer management of products including the following: leftover paint, electronics, pesticides, household batteries, fluorescent lamps, phone books, carpet, medical sharps, consumer packaging and printed materials, pharmaceuticals, tires and mercury thermostats; directs the commission to research and make recommendations regarding the establishment of a statewide policy structure for product stewardship; requires the commission's report to include summaries of the following: (1) the existing infrastructure for managing post-consumer materials and the need for improvements to make this infrastructure convenient for the public; (2) the need for public education to reach target populations; (3) the need for incentives to change consumer behavior; (4) the current extended producer responsibility laws and pending extended producer responsibility legislation in other new england states and around the country; (5) the common elements of extended producer responsibility laws; (6) the opportunities to maximize the efficiency of extended producer responsibility programs by coordinating with other states in the region; and (7) the methods for evaluating the effectiveness of extended producer responsibility programs; requires said report to be filed with the Administration and the legislature within one year of the passage of this Act.

Actions

2023-01-18 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB854 (HD3342) - An Act establishing the monitoring of ultrafine particulates

Sponsor

Rep. Adrian Madaro (D)

Summary

Requires DPH to monitor air pollution consisting of 100 nanometer particles wherever it is monitoring 2.5 micrometer particles.

Actions

2023-01-20 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB857 (HD3265) - An Act to reform the Toxic Use Reduction Act

Sponsor

Rep. John J. Mahoney (D)

Summary

Modifies several components of toxics use reduction plans under the Toxic Use Reductions Act (GL Chapter 21I); amends the reporting submission and recertification requirements for large toxics users, by limiting reports to once every 6 years or when a new toxic substance is used; extends the certification of toxic use reduction planners from 2 years to 6 years, with renewals every 6 years; limits continuing education for the initial recertification and license renewal of toxic use reduction planners who also passed the uniform exam, to 45 hours; limits continuing education for the initial renewal and recertification of toxic use reduction planners who have not passed the exam and who work only for their employer to 36 hours; reduces the continuing education requirements for subsequent renewal and recertifications to 36 hours and 30 hours respectively; exempts the use of toxic substances mandated by law from the toxic use fee.

Actions

2023-01-20 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB863 (HD389) - An Act relative to proper disposal of products containing PFAS

Sponsor

Rep. Leonard Mirra (R)

Summary

Adds a new Section 243 to GL Chapter 111 (Public Health) to direct the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to outline the best practices and recommended regulations for the proper disposal of products containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; further directs DEP to review known locations of such substances and: (i) create response plan strategies; (ii) identify the sources of such contamination and exposure pathways that pose the greatest risk to public health and the environment; and (iii) examine and estimate the cost to mitigate the contamination.

Actions

2023-01-12 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB880 (HD935) - An Act to improve the review and regulation of emerging contaminants on public water systems

Sponsor

Rep. Ted Philips (D)

Summary

Amends GL 111:160 (Department of Public Health examination of water supply) to establish the Science Advisory Board; provides that Board's mission is to address the potential for adverse human health impacts from the presence of potentially toxic substances in public water supplies, and to establish science-based procedures for assessing the risks presented by such substances and a cost-benefit analysis to determine the practicality and efficacy of operational and remedial actions with respect to the substances; specifies membership of Board and procedural rules governing Board's activities; establishes Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) to review any proposed drinking water standard and to make an independent determination whether the proposed standard will achieve the objectives of protecting human health, including sensitive sub-populations, in a more cost-effective manner, or with greater net benefits, than other regulatory alternatives.

Actions

2023-01-17 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB1448 (HD4029) - An Act to improve enforcement of environmental quality

Sponsor

Rep. Michael Day (D)

Actions

2023-01-20 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB2197 (HD3324) - An Act to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS

Sponsor

Rep. Kate Hogan (D)

Summary

Phases out sale of products containing PFAS over an eight-year period; requires department of environmental protection to amend groundwater discharge permits with requirements for quarterly monitoring and reporting of PFAS; establishes a PFAS remediation fund in the office of energy and environmental affairs to assist with funding of settlements made in connection with claims arising from the manufacture, marketing or sale of products containing PFAS; directs department of public health and department of environmental protection to conduct an outreach program regarding dangers of PFAS; authorizes AG to enforce violations of PFAS laws as consumer protection violations.

Actions

2023-01-20 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health

HB2346 (HD1034) - An Act relative to hoisting license renewal

Sponsor

Rep. Steven S. Howitt (R)

Summary

Amends GL 146:53 relative to the necessity of license or temporary permit for operating hoisting machinery not run by steam, by prohibiting the commissioner of Public Safety from promulgating any rules or regulations requiring more than two hours of classroom credit every four years for the renewal of a hoisting license.

Actions

2023-01-18 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB3209 (HD1591) - An Act ensuring a healthy future for environmental justice communities

Sponsor

Rep. Orlando Ramos (D)

Summary

Amends GL 25:11F to provide that a new renewable energy generating source that begins commercial operation after July 31, 2021, or an existing facility that increases its generating capacity after said date, shall not qualify as a Class I renewable generating source if: (1) it is located within a distance of 5 miles of a neighborhood that is defined as an environmental justice population, and, (2) the operation of such a generating source source causes the release of air pollutants.

Actions

2023-01-18 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy

2023-02-16 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB3323 (HD544) - An Act relative to liquid or gas flammable material spills on public ways

Rep. Jessica Giannino (D)

Actions

2023-01-13 H - Filed in the House

2023-02-16 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation

2023-03-13 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB3666 (HD1007) - An Act relative to creating manufacturing and economic development in the Commonwealth

Sponsor

Rep. Michael Soter (R)

Actions

2023-01-17 H - Filed in the House

2023-03-30 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Revenue

2023-03-30 S - Concurred in committee referral

HB3701 (HD1558) - An Act relative to chemical recycling

Sponsor

Rep. Jessica Giannino (D)

Actions

2023-01-18 H - Filed in the House

2023-03-30 H - Referred to Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy

2023-03-30 S - Concurred in committee referral

SB175 (SD1473) - An Act relative to toxic-free kids

Sponsor

Sen. Cindy Friedman (D)

Summary

Amends GL Chapter 21A (Department of Environmental Protection) to prohibit sale of children's products containing PFAS; directs department to develop list of chemicals of concern in children's products and requires manufacturers to notify department if their products contain more than a specified level of such chemicals; imposes reporting and publication requirements on department with respect to chemicals being used in children's products.

Actions

2023-01-19 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB485 (SD1642) - An Act to reform the toxic use reduction act

Sponsor

Sen. Ryan Fattman (R)

Summary

Modifies several components of toxics use reduction plans under the Toxic Use Reductions Act (GL Chapter 21I); amends the reporting submission and recertification requirements for large toxics users, by limiting reports to once every 6 years or when a new toxic substance is used; extends the certification of toxic use reduction planners from 2 years to 6 years, with renewals every 6 years; limits continuing education for the initial recertification and license renewal of toxic use reduction planners who also passed the uniform exam, to 45 hours; limits continuing education for the initial renewal and recertification of toxic use reduction planners who have not passed the exam and who work only for their employer to 36 hours; reduces the continuing education requirements for subsequent renewal and recertifications to 36 hours and 30 hours respectively; exempts the use of toxic substances mandated by law from the toxic use fee.

Actions

2023-01-19 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-02-16 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB531 (SD2294) - An Act limiting toxics release inventory facilities in environmental justice communities

Sponsor

Sen. Liz Miranda (D)

Summary

Adds two new sections to GL Chapter 30 directing EOEEA to promulgate regulations limiting the number of sites on the EPA Toxics Release Inventory in environmental justice communities.

Actions

2023-01-20 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-02-16 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB560 (SD1732) - An Act establishing tracking and reporting requirements for Massachusetts transportation fuels and associated greenhouse gas emissions

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Directs DEP to promulgate regulations to require all parties involved in the supply chain to report all Massachusetts transportation fuel sales and the source of said fuel to the DEP. The DEP is then directed to track the greenhouse gas emissions of all fuels as well as the carbon density. The annual report is to be published and made available to the public.

Actions

2023-01-19 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-02-16 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB572 (SD539) - An Act to save recycling costs in the commonwealth

Sponsor

Sen. Michael F. Rush (D)

Summary

Adds 16 new sections to GL Chapter 94 (inspection and sale of food, drugs and various articles) requiring and regulating the implementation of packaging and paper products programs in order to reimburse municipalities for recycling and waste management costs; requires producers of covered materials sold and distributed in the commonwealth to establish producer responsibility organizations to act as their agent in operating packaging and paper products programs; defines covered materials as any packaging material or paper products, regardless of recyclability or compostability, sold, offered for sale, or distributed to consumers in the state, including through the internet; exempts producers earning less than \$1,000,000 in the prior calendar year. Requires producer responsibility organizations to act as an agent for all producers within a category or categories of covered materials; regulates the operation of such organizations; requires organizations to submit plans to the department of environmental protection for approval within 8 months; details plan requirements,

including promoting proper end of life management for covered materials, litter prevention, recycling instructions, outreach to promote recycling and reuse, free and convenient consumer access to collection services, proposed post-consumer recycled material contents, auditing of program effectiveness, and distribution of funds to participating collectors. Authorizes producers to establish alternative collection programs which offset payment obligations under packaging and paper products programs; regulates collector reimbursement calculations and disbursements; directs the department of environmental protection to establish rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of producer responsibility plans; establishes and regulates the use of the sustainable packaging trust for implementation and administration of the packaging and paper product program or an alternative collection program.

Actions

2023-01-17 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-02-16 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB588 (SD894) - An Act studying the effect of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in commercial products

Sponsor

Sen. John Velis (D)

Summary

No summary necessary.

Actions

2023-01-18 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-02-16 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB1356 (SD2053) - An Act to protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS

Sponsor

Sen. Julian A. Cyr (D)

Summary

Phases out sale of products containing PFAS over an eight-year period; requires department of environmental protection to amend groundwater discharge permits with requirements for quarterly monitoring and reporting of PFAS; establishes a PFAS remediation fund in the office of energy and environmental affairs to assist with funding of settlements made in connection with claims arising from the manufacture, marketing or sale of products containing PFAS; directs department of public health

and department of environmental protection to conduct an outreach program regarding dangers of PFAS; authorizes AG to enforce violations of PFAS laws as consumer protection violations.

Actions

2023-01-20 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB1431 (SD1912) - An Act relative to chemicals in food packaging

Sponsor

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Summary

Adds a new Section 11 to GL Chapter 94B (Hazardous Substances) to prohibit any person or entity from knowingly selling, distributing for sale or distributing for use food packaging to which PFAs (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) have been intentionally added in any amount; defines food package, manufacturer, package, packaging component and PFAs.

Actions

2023-01-20 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB1502 (SD614) - An Act relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment

Sponsor

Sen. Julian A. Cyr (D)

Summary

Requires a manufacturer or other person that sells firefighting personal protective equipment to any person, local government, or state agency to provide written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighting personal protective equipment contains PFAS chemicals as well as the reason such chemicals were added to the equipment, beginning January 1, 2020; prohibits any person from manufacturing, knowingly selling or distributing such equipment containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals as of January 1, 2022; defines firefighting personal protective equipment; manufacturer, local government and PFAS chemicals.

Actions

2023-01-19 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB1556 (SD1507) - An Act relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment

Sponsor

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Summary

Requires a manufacturer or other person that sells firefighting personal protective equipment to any person, local government, or state agency to provide written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighting personal protective equipment contains PFAS chemicals as well as the reason such chemicals were added to the equipment, beginning January 1, 2020; prohibits any person from manufacturing, knowingly selling or distributing such equipment containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals as of January 1, 2022; defines firefighting personal protective equipment; manufacturer, local government and PFAS chemicals.

Actions

2023-01-17 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB1562 (SD1861) - An Act establishing a board of hoisting machinery regulations

Sponsor

Sen. Michael O. Moore (D)

Summary

Amends GL 146:53A (Inspection of Boilers, Air Tanks, Etc. Licenses of Engineers, Firemen, and Operators of Hoisting Machinery) to add provisions for the establishment of a Board of Hoisting Machinery Regulations, and defines the Board's membership and duties.

Actions

2023-01-20 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

SB2053 (SD1716) - An Act establishing a moratorium on the procurement of structures or activities generating PFAS emissions

Sponsor

Sen. Marc R. Pacheco (D)

Summary

Adds new section 31 to GL 21C (Hazardous waste management) to require the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a moratorium prohibiting the procurement of PFAS-emitting structures or activities.

Actions

2023-01-19 S - Filed in the Senate

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral

2023-03-10 S - Referred to Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

2023-03-10 H - Concurred in committee referral