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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT establishing a committee to study extended producer responsibility.

SPONSORS: Rep. Parshall, Ches. 8; Rep. Caplan, Merr. 8; Rep. Dutzy, Hills. 6; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 7

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study extended producer responsibility.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT establishing a committee to study extended producer responsibility.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 124:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study extended producer
2 responsibility in order to provide relief to the cost of municipalities in solid waste disposal.

3 124:2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives.

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the
9 duties of the committee.

10 124:3 Duties. The committee shall:

11 I. Study extended producer responsibility (EPR) as a mechanism for meeting the waste reduction
12 goals established in RSA 149-M and reducing the tax burden that solid waste disposal places on
13 municipalities.

14 II. Examine existing EPR laws in other states, territories, and international jurisdictions and
15 establish priorities for more in-depth study. Possible targets for EPR include packaging, single use
16 plastics, beverage containers, electronic waste, batteries, automotive waste, and hazardous waste.

17 III. Assess how these laws could be adapted to the existing solid waste recovery infrastructure in
18 New Hampshire and what support the department of environmental services would require to implement
19 such laws.

20 IV. Solicit industry stakeholder input on approaches that manufacturers and distributors would be
21 best able to undertake or facilitate.

22 V. Suggest possible legislation and/or rules for implementing approaches that would be readily
23 adaptable to New Hampshire, and may propose topics for further study.

24 VI. The committee may draw on a broad range of stakeholders and experts to provide relevant
25 testimony.

26 124:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
27 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
28 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
29 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

30 124:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
31 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the
32 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2023.

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124:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 30, 2023
Effective Date: June 30, 2023