

# 2024 LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

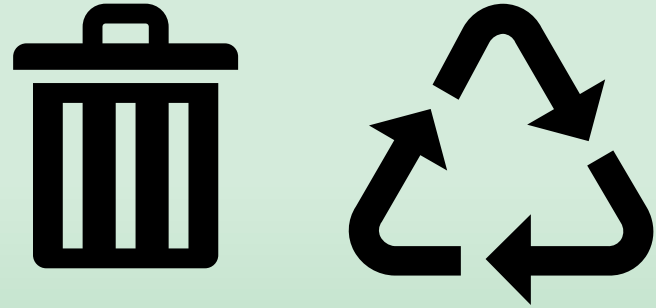
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# Bond Bill

PA 24-151

**\$10 million new bond authorization for solid waste reduction strategies**

- Food scrap diversion programs



# Overview of Bills



## Bills that Passed

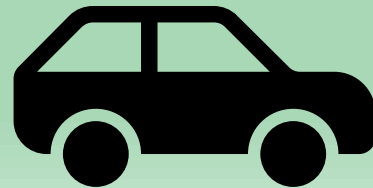
- **HB 5352 Minor Revisions to Tire Stewardship Program**
  - *PA 24-124*
- **HB 5353 Minor Revisions to Gas Cylinder Stewardship Program**
  - *PA 24-133*
- **SB 293: Out of State Beverage Redemption**
  - *Public Act 24-2*

## Bills that Failed

- **SB 191 Food Scrap Diversion**
  - *SB 191, cross-border redemption language added to SB 293*
- **HB 5354 Terramation**
- **HB 5220 Solar Panel EPR**
- **HB 5226 Consumer Battery EPR**
- **HB 5220 Carpet EPR Study**
- **SB 189 Permitting Timelines**
- **HB 5230 Smoke Detectors in Solid Waste Stream**

# HB 5352 Minor Revisions to Tire Stewardship Program

- Environment Committee proposal
- By January 1, 2025, tire producers must join a stewardship organization and submit a plan to implement the program to DEEP for approval.
- Bill makes changes to the tire stewardship program including expansion of qualifications for participating collectors and processors.
- The bill also gives the stewardship organization an additional 60 days to implement its program, which under current law, must start within 120 days after DEEP approves the plan. The bill expands this implementation window to 180 days after approval.



# HB 5353 Minor Revisions to Gas Cylinder Stewardship Program

- Environment Committee proposal
- Current law requires, by October 1, 2025, all gas cylinder producers to be part of an approved and implemented stewardship program
- This bill requires producers to be part of an approved plan by October 1, 2024, and a program to be implemented by October 1, 2025.
- The bill also gives a gas cylinder stewardship organization that implements an approved stewardship plan a private right of action for damages against a noncompliant producer under certain circumstances.
- Requires annual reporting from DEEP



# SB 293 Cross-Border Redemption

- Environment Committee proposal
- Act prohibits offering an empty beverage container to a dealer (retailer), redemption center, reverse vending machine, distributor or deposit initiator to obtain its refund value or handling fee if the offeror knows, or should know, that it was already redeemed or originally purchased out-of-state
  - Requires dealers/redemption centers/reverse vendors/retailors to post a “Redemption Warning” sign
  - Violations of act’s prohibition or signage posting is subject to same fines ranging from \$50 (first offense) to \$500 (third)
- Amendment added language from SB 191 that addressed cross-border redemption, passed unanimously



## Bills That Failed This Session

- **SB 191: An Act Concerning Food Scrap Diversion from the Solid Waste Stream and the Redemption of Out-of-State Beverage Containers**
  - Agency bill
  - Bill would have required by January 1, 2028, each town to establish a program for residential separation of food from other solid waste.
  - The bill would have required the Commissioner, by July 1, 2025, to amend DEEP's regulations that designate mandated items for recycling to include food scraps.
  - The bill would have lastly required commercial food wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers to adopt a written policy for food donation.
  - Committee language regarding cross-border redemption incorporated into SB 293
  - Bill passed out of Committee, died on Senate Calendar



# Bills That Failed This Session (continued)



- **HB 5354 Terramation**
  - Bill sought to authorize the natural organic reduction of human remains as a final disposition of such remains.
- **HB 5220 Solar Panel EPR**
  - DEEP report on feasibility/viability of an extended producer responsibility program for solar panels
- **HB 5226 Consumer Battery EPR**
  - Would have established a consumer battery EPR program
- **HB 5220 Carpet EPR Study**
  - DEEP studying EPR for carpets
- **SB 189 Permitting Timelines**
  - Would have established a ninety-day limitation for permit issuance decisions by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
- **HB 5230 Smoke Detectors in Solid Waste Stream**
  - Point of sale requirement for the installation of certain types of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in single-family homes.



# Questions?

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