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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Recycling Market Development Council.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2019)

1 AN ACT establishing the Recycling Market Development Council.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. There is established in the Department of Environmental
7 Protection a Recycling Market Development Council, which shall
8 consist of six members. The members shall include the
9 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the State
10 Treasurer, or their designees, who shall serve ex officio; and four
11 citizens of the State appointed by the Commissioner of
12 Environmental Protection. Of the appointed members: two shall be
13 actively engaged in the recycling industry, of whom one shall be a
14 representative of the Association of New Jersey Recyclers; and two
15 shall have expertise in the reuse and processing of recycled
16 materials. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall
17 appoint the chairperson and the vice-chairperson of the council
18 from the appointed members.

19 b. Members of the council shall serve without compensation,
20 but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending meetings
21 and performing their duties to the extent funds are available
22 therefor.

23 c. Within 18 months after the effective date of this act, the
24 Recycling Market Development Council shall prepare a report on
25 the existing markets that process, reuse, or recycle collected
26 recyclable materials. The council shall develop best management
27 practices to reduce the contamination of collected recyclables;
28 investigate how to stimulate the use of collected recyclables in
29 newly manufactured products; and investigate the feasibility of
30 providing preferences for products with recycled content, including
31 how to stimulate the use in public projects of products or materials
32 with recycled content. The council shall provide recommendations
33 on changes needed to State laws or rules or regulations to stimulate
34 the manufacture of products with recycled content. The report shall
35 be transmitted to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of
36 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature.

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
39 the council's issuance of its report.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill would establish in the Department of Environmental
45 Protection a Recycling Market Development Council, which would
46 consist of six members. The members include the Commissioner of
47 Environmental Protection, and the State Treasurer, or their
48 designees, who would serve ex officio; and four citizens of the State

1 appointed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Two
2 of the appointed members would be actively engaged in the
3 recycling industry, one of which would be a representative of the
4 Association of New Jersey Recyclers, and two would have expertise
5 in the reuse and processing of recycled materials. Within 18
6 months after the effective date of the bill, the Recycling Market
7 Development Council would be required to prepare a report on the
8 existing markets that process, reuse, or recycle collected recyclable
9 materials, and how to stimulate the use of collected recyclables in
10 newly manufactured products. The council would be required to
11 recommend best management practices to reduce contamination of
12 collected recyclables. The council would also be required to
13 investigate the feasibility of providing preferences for products with
14 recycled content, including how to stimulate the use in public
15 projects of products or materials with recycled content. Finally, the
16 report would be required to provide recommendations on changes
17 needed to State laws or rules or regulations to stimulate the
18 manufacture of products with recycled content. The council would
19 expire upon the issuance of its report.