144TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FEE IMPACT STATEMENT
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BILL:	HOUSE SUBSTITUTION NO. 1 FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146
SPONSOR:	Representative Maier
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING.

ASSUMPTIONS:

In Accordance with Volume 68, Chapter 216, Laws of Delaware the following information is provided regarding the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's proposed State-wide Recycling Program.

- Description of Legislation

  This Act mandates a statewide recycling program and provides a mechanism for local communities, municipalities, counties and private sector entities to establish residential curbside recycling programs. The Act is effective immediately upon enactment with timelines and provisions in place to assure timely implementation with the involvement of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

  This Act also establishes a Delaware Recycling Fund to help fund various aspects of the recycling system. The source of funding for the Recycling Fund will be a $3 per ton assessment on municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris (excluding recyclables) generated and/or disposed of in Delaware. The fund will be administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control with input from the Recycling Public Advisory Council. The department shall be entitled to charge to the Program an administrative fee of 7.5% of grants made to cover the cost of managing the program.

- Purpose of Legislation

  The purpose of this legislation is to provide assistance for the establishment of public and private programs to increase the level of recycling and beneficial use of solid waste materials in Delaware.

- Affected Entities

  The affected entities of this Act are transporters, collectors and/or generators of solid waste generated or disposed of in Delaware.

- Fiscal Impact

  It is estimated that between 1,300,000 and 1,400,000 million tons of solid waste is generated or disposed of in Delaware. The $3 per ton tipping fee would provide annual funding for the Recycling Fund of approximately $4,000,000.

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