



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

**Substitute Bill No. 293**



**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy  
2 and Environmental Protection shall hire a consultant to conduct a waste  
3 characterization and needs assessment. Upon completion of such waste  
4 characterization and needs assessment, the department shall submit, in  
5 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a report to the joint  
6 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
7 matters relating to the environment on the results of such  
8 characterization and assessment, including, but not limited to, a  
9 description of any changes from the most recent previous such  
10 characterization. The department shall utilize any funds made available  
11 by the General Assembly to fund such assessment, including, but not  
12 limited to, any funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L.  
13 117-2, as amended from time to time, made available to such agency for  
14 said purpose.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-267a of the general statutes is  
16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
17 *passage*):

18 (b) The axle weight on any axle and the gross weight of any vehicle  
19 or combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer or any  
20 other object, including its load, may not exceed the lesser of the

21 manufacturer's axle weight rating, the manufacturer's gross vehicle  
22 weight rating or the following axle and gross weight limits: (1) The  
23 weight on any single axle shall not exceed twenty-two thousand four  
24 hundred pounds or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart,  
25 eighteen thousand pounds on each axle; (2) a two-axle vehicle shall  
26 comply with the axle requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this  
27 subsection, and shall not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of  
28 thirty-six thousand pounds; (3) a three-axle vehicle shall comply with  
29 the axle requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection and  
30 shall not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of fifty-three  
31 thousand eight hundred pounds; (4) a three-axle combination of vehicle  
32 and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer shall comply with the axle  
33 requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection and shall not  
34 exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of fifty-eight thousand four  
35 hundred pounds; (5) a four-or-more-axle vehicle or combination of  
36 vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer shall comply with the axle  
37 requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection and shall not  
38 exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of sixty-seven thousand four  
39 hundred pounds; (6) a four-or-more-axle vehicle or combination of  
40 vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer where the distance between  
41 the first and last axle is not less than twenty-eight feet shall comply with  
42 the axle requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection and  
43 shall not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of seventy-three  
44 thousand pounds; (7) the gross vehicle weight of (A) a bulk milk pickup  
45 tanker, [or] (B) a vehicle or combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle  
46 and semitrailer hauling agricultural commodities, or (C) a vehicle or  
47 combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer hauling  
48 solid waste, including recyclables, shall not exceed one hundred  
49 thousand pounds, provided the weight of the bulk milk pickup tanker  
50 or such vehicle or combination is permitted under the federal-aid  
51 highway amendments of 1974, 88 Stat. 2281, 23 USC 101 et seq., as  
52 amended from time to time; and (8) notwithstanding the provisions of  
53 this subsection and subsection (e) of this section, a vehicle or  
54 combination of vehicle and semitrailer may be operated on any highway  
55 or bridge without a written permit, provided it is in compliance with the

56 axle requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection, and  
57 provided such vehicle or combination is in compliance with the federal-  
58 aid highway amendments of 1974, 88 Stat. 2281, 23 USC 101 et seq., as  
59 amended from time to time, including the gross vehicle weight limit of  
60 eighty thousand pounds and the following weight distribution formula:

T1  
T2  
T3

$$W = 500 \left( \left( \frac{LN}{N-1} \right) + 12N + 36 \right)$$

61 Where W = overall gross weight on any group of two or more  
62 consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred pounds, L = distance in  
63 feet between the extreme of any group of two or more consecutive axles,  
64 and N = number of axles in group under consideration, except that two  
65 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of sixty-eight  
66 thousand pounds, provided the overall distance between the first and  
67 last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six feet or  
68 more. As used in this subsection, "agricultural commodity" means  
69 inputs limited to feed, seed and fertilizer and products of agriculture, as  
70 described in subsection (q) of section 1-1.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-267a(b)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**  
In Section 2(b)(7)(C), "solid waste including recyclables" was changed to "solid waste, including recyclables," for clarity.

**ENV** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO