
DIGEST

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HB 855 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for end-market uses of waste tires and waste tire material and for the Waste Tire Program Task Force.

Present law provides that a fee of \$2 per passenger/light truck tire, \$5 per medium truck tire, and \$10 per off-road tire be collected for every tire sold. Specifies that the fees are deposited into the Waste Tire Management Fund which is used to operate the waste tire program in the Dept. of Environmental Quality. Present law also addresses reimbursement of waste tire processors from the fund for scrapping waste tires generated within the state.

Present law requires the department's rules and regulations provide for standards and requirements for expedited approval of customary end-market uses including, but not limited to, those recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Rubber Manufacturers Association, or previously approved by the department.

Present law prohibits the standards and requirements from including disposal as an end market use of eligible waste tire material and contravening existing law prohibiting waste tire disposal in solid waste facilities and providing for waste tires commingled with solid waste.

Proposed law defines "customary end-market use" as any use in a project that conforms to generally accepted standard industry practices, including but not limited to, those recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association, and those previously approved by the department including bulkheads, tire derived fuel, and crumb rubber applications, or other uses approved by the department.

Proposed law provides that any end-market use application for a customary end-market use for waste tires or waste tire material will be considered approved if not denied by the department within 15 days of the submission of the application. Changes the reference to the Rubber Manufacturers Association to its new name, "U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association".

Present law creates the Waste Tire Program Task Force charged with the responsibilities to study, report, and make recommendations on the waste tire program annually to the oversight committees.

Proposed law requires the task force to submit reports and recommendations to the oversight committee on Feb. 15, 2019, and Feb. 15, 2020 and terminates the task force on Feb. 15, 2020.

(Amends §3 of Act No. 323 of the 2013 R.S., as amended by Act No. 427 of the 2015 R.S., and R.S. 30:2418(H)(10); Adds R.S. 30:2412(40))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require the Waste Tire Program Task Force to submit reports and recommendations to the oversight committee on Feb. 15, 2019, and Feb. 15, 2020.
2. Terminate the task force on Feb. 15, 2020.
3. Remove a provision that required recommendations for changes to the fee structure of the program be submitted to the oversight committee by Feb. 15, 2016, and thereafter submitted annually.