

MA Senate acts boost recycling and composting

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Senate passed legislation that builds on the state's climate and environmental leadership by banning single-use plastic bags, making straws and plasticware available by request only, and making it easier to recycle. The legislation passed by a vote of 38-2.

"In Massachusetts, we take pride in being a leader when it comes to protecting our environment and people's health, and this bill continues that leadership" said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Limiting our plastics use means less trash in our water ways and on our streets, and giving our kids the green, clean planet they deserve to inherit. This is a crucial part of achieving the Commonwealth's climate goals, and I want to thank Senator Rausch for her leadership, Chair Rodrigues, our members, and every advocate who has spoken up on this issue, for their hard work."

"We're seeing more and more the impact that plastics have on our lives and world, our health and future generations," commented Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "Passing this bill is a step in the right direction towards transitioning these items out of our society, making them still

available for those in need while encouraging the use of items that are reusable, safe and sustainable."

OS.2830, An Act to reduce plastic would drastically reduce plastic waste that is too often found in streets and waterways-and too often fills landfills and disposal sites-ultimately harming the environment in Massachusetts communities and contributing to global climate change. Plastics are also made using fossil fuels.

The legislation will prohibit carry-out plastic bags at retail stores statewide and require stores to charge 10 cents for recycled paper bags, five cents of which will be allocated to environmental protection measures. The bill provides a limited exemption from the requirement to collect 10 cents for small local retailers. As of May

2023, 162 Massachusetts cities and towns, making up nearly 70 per cent of the state's population, already regulated single-use plastic bags.

The bill will also prevent plastic utensils and straws from automatically being given to consumers, prohibit single-use plastic bottle purchases by state agencies, and create a statewide program for recycling large plastic objects such as car seats. Further, it increases statewide bulk plastic recycling by creating a statewide program for the recycling of large plastic objects, such as car seats.

In an effort to reduce the \$10 million annually in avoidable costs directly caused by the flushing of non-flushable wipes, the bill will require non-flushable wipes to be clearly labeled with "Do Not Flush" warnings to prevent disruptions to the commonwealth's sewer system.

The bill would boost composting, the natural recycling of organic food scraps and materials, by directing the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report on the commonwealth's progress toward expanding access to composting. It also establishes a new commission to make recommendations on ways in which the state can encourage or require businesses to support recycling of efforts for the products that they produce.

It is the second time the Massachusetts Senate has taken action to prohibit single-use plastic bags in the commonwealth.

Having passed the Senate, the legislation now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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– Senator Adam Gomez

Public Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, MA., on **Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of Jeffrey Beaudette, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with the Town of Agawam Zoning Ordinances Ch. 180, Section 37 (A) and Section 8.1 to allow for the keeping of chickens at the premises identified as 54 Colemore Street. Doreen A. Prouty Chairperson, ZBA 06/27, 07/04/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24C0183CA In the matter of: Stewart LeFebvre CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Paul Stewart LeFebvre of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Willow LeFebvre IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 13, 2024 **Rosemary A Saccomani** Register of Probate 06/27/2024

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