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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERTING ORGANIC WASTE OUT OF LANDFILLS AND
RECYCLING THEM INTO A USEABLE ENERGY.

1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 50% of the waste in Delaware landfills is organic and can be
2 recycled; and

3 WHEREAS, 623,463 tons of waste were dumped in Delaware's landfills in 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, diverting organic waste out of landfills could save the state money, meet diversion rates, and protect
5 the environment; and

6 WHEREAS, one of the goals outlined by Delaware's Recycling Public Advisory Council is to "seek to strengthen
7 food waste diversion;" and

8 WHEREAS, Delaware's main means by which to recycle organic waste have been truncated since the closure of
9 the Wilmington Organic Recycling Center.

10 NOW, THEREFORE:

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 148th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
12 Representatives concurring therein, that a Task Force will be assembled to discuss and evaluate the best possible way to
13 recycle organic waste within the State of Delaware in an odor free manner.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall be composed of the following:

15 1) The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control or his or her
16 designee,

17 2) The Chair of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority or his or her designee,

18 3) The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or his or her designee,

19 4) The following members shall be appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
20 of the House in consultation with the Chairs of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental
21 Control and House Natural Resources Committees:

22 a. A representative from the Zero Waste Team Delaware,

- 23 b. A representative from Blue Hen Organics,
24 c. A representative from the University of Delaware Environmental Sciences faculty,
25 d. Two representatives from different entities in the trash hauling business,
26 e. Two representatives from different entities in the recycling business,
27 f. Two representatives from different entities in the restaurant business,
28 g. Two engineers, scientists, or technicians in the waste to energy industry,
29 h. One representative from a utility company,
30 i. Two members of the conservation community,
31 j. One public member who pays for trash collection who is not connected with any of the
32 entities who are represented by appointees named above, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
33 and
34 k. One public member who pays for trash collection who is not connected with any of the
35 entities who are represented by appointees named above, appointed by the President Pro
36 Tempore of the Senate.

37 The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Chair of the Delaware
38 Solid Waste Authority shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental
39 Control and the Delaware Solid Waste Authority shall provide administration for the Task Force.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Task Force shall meet monthly beginning July of 2015 and present its
41 findings to the Delaware House and Senate Natural Resources Committees and the Governor by March 1, 2016 or when
42 called upon.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution establishes a task force to discuss and evaluate the most effective and efficient way to recycle organic waste within Delaware.

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