

LITTER LEGISLATION

2022 Regular Session



- ▶ New law establishes an inference that the registered owner of a vehicle has disposed of litter when there is photographic evidence of the license plate of the vehicle from which the litter was disposed.

ACT NO. 101 (HB 69 BY DEVILLIER)

- ▶ Separates the "litter abatement and education account" into two distinct accounts by creating the "litter abatement account" and the "environmental education account" within the Conservation Fund.
- ▶ The "litter abatement account" be used for litter abatement grants, litter abatement and enforcement, and to support community-based litter abatement programs
- ▶ Provides that a portion of littering fines and court costs and a portion of the fees collected from the issuance and renewal of driver's licenses be paid into this account.

ACT NO 15 (HB 397 BY BISHOP)

- ▶ Adds Simple and Commercial Littering to the violations that the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries may try by civil action or administrative hearing.
- ▶ Provides that the special court costs for violations prosecuted by WLF will be distributed between the Department and the litter abatement account (question there).

ACT NO. 17 (HB 750 BY BISHOP)



- ▶ Increases the fine for failure to obtain a waste tire generator identification number from not less than \$300 but not more than \$500 to \$5,000.
- ▶ Adds penalties specific to gross littering involving waste tires.

ACT NO 480 (HB 374 BY BEAULLIEU)

- ▶ (1) First conviction - fined \$1,800 and is responsible for the cost of removal, transportation, and processing of the tires.
- ▶ (2) Second conviction - fined not less than \$4,000 and not more than \$10,000 and is responsible for the cost of removal, transportation, and processing of the tires.
- ▶ (3) Third or subsequent conviction - fined not less than \$6,000 and not more than \$20,000 and is responsible for the cost of removal, transportation, and processing of the tires.

ACT NO 480 (HB 374 BY BEAULLIEU)

- ▶ Removed the sunset of July 31, 2022 for the 25 cent increase to the Waste Tire Fee, permanently setting the fee for passenger, light truck, or small farm tires at \$2.25.
- ▶ Requires DEQ to remove tires on any property containing more than 1,000 tires, located in a historic district in a municipality with a population between 28,000 and 29,000.
- ▶ Requires this removal of tires be completed by Sept. 30, 2022.

ACT NO 480 (HB 374 BY BEAULLIEU)

- ▶ Authorizes any political subdivision to create stormwater utility systems and adopt stormwater utility fees sufficient to plan, construct, acquire, extend, improve, operate, and maintain such systems, either within or without its boundaries.
- ▶ Effective upon signature of governor (May 31, 2022).



ACT NO 228 (HB 713 BY ZERINGUE)

- ▶ Requests that the Dept. of Environmental Quality submit a written report to the legislature regarding actions and resources required to remediate Capitol Lake and to make the water quality appropriate as a freshwater habitat.
- ▶ Requires that the report be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Finance no later than March 1, 2023.

HCR 24 BY BISHOP

- ▶ Requests the Dept. of Environmental Quality to study strategies to increase the recycling of plastic and to report recommendations to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment by March 10, 2023.

SCR 13 BY LAMBERT

- ▶ HB 765 by Carrier
- ▶ HB 1044 by Miguez
- ▶ SB 155 Connick



BILLS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT.

- ▶ Limited to enact the General Appropriation Bill; enact the comprehensive capital budget; make an appropriation; levy or authorize a new tax; increase an existing tax; levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee; dedicate revenue; legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits; or legislate with regard to the issuance of bonds

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- ▶ Each member may prefile an unlimited number of local and special bills and may introduce up to five such bills that have not been prefiled.
- ▶ Each member may prefile up to, but not more than, 5 bills whose subject matter is outside the subject matter restrictions of this session.

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- ▶ MARCH 29, 2023 – Deadline for bill requests.
- ▶ MARCH 31, 2023 – PREFILE Deadline.

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