# Committee Report

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

February 27, 2020

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Environment and Agriculture to which was referred HB 1704,

AN ACT relative to compost. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Liz McConnell

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Environment and Agriculture
Bill Number:	HB 1704
Title:	relative to compost.
Date:	February 27, 2020
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

#### STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 19-0.

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For the Committee

## Voting Sheets

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1704**

BILL TITLE:

relative to compost.

DATE:

February 27, 2020

LOB ROOM:

303

**MOTIONS**:

**OUGHT TO PASS** 

Moved by Rep. McConnell

Seconded by Rep. Richards

Vote: 19-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent:

Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Barbara Comtois, Clerk

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#### OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK



1/2/2020 10:39:31 AM Roll Call Committee Registers Report

#### 2020 SESSION

**Environment and Agriculture** 

Bill #: 1704 Motion:	P AM #:	Exec Session Date:	221-2020
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## Hearing Minutes

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1704**

BILL TITLE: relative to compost.

DATE: February 18, 2020

LOB ROOM: 303 Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 3:30 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 3:40 p.m.

<u>Committee Members</u>: Reps. Gourgue, Bixby, Comtois, Beaulieu, Ellis, Andrew Bouldin, Chretien, Dutzy, McConnell, M. Murray, O'Connor, Pearl, Aron, Bean and Melvin

#### Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Ebel Rep. McWilliams Sen. Watters Rep. O'Connor Rep. Von Plinsky

Rep. M. Murray Rep. Suzanne Smith

Sen. Chandley

Sen. Sherman

#### **TESTIMONY**

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

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Adjourn 3:40 p.m.

### SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

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# Bill as Introduced

#### HB 1704 - AS INTRODUCED

#### 2020 SESSION

20-3104 08/10

HOUSE BILL

1704

AN ACT

relative to compost.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Ebel, Merr. 5; Rep. O'Connor, Rock. 6; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 22; Rep.

McWilliams, Merr. 27; Rep. Von Plinsky, Ches. 7; Rep. Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8;

Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24

COMMITTEE:

Environment and Agriculture

#### **ANALYSIS**

This bill requires the department of environmental services to make certain rules regarding compost.

This bill is a request of the HB 617 study committee on recycling and solid waste.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty

AN ACT

relative to compost.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 Compost; Rulemaking. The commissioner shall initiate rulemaking pursuant to RSA 149-M:7,
- 2 XV by September 30, 2020 relative to requirements and best practices for facilities that compost
- 3 organics, including vegetable matter, meat, meat byproducts, dairy products, and dairy product
- 4 derivatives.
- 5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.