
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the waste tire program in the Dept. of Environmental Quality.

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

Present law requires a permitted waste tire processing facility to be paid a minimum of .075¢ per pound of waste tire material that is recycled or that reaches end market uses or per pound of whole waste tires that are recycled or reaches end market uses.

Proposed law changes present law by requiring payment for waste tire material that is processed instead of recycled and reaches end market uses.

Proposed law defines "processed" as any method or activity that alters whole waste tires so that they are no longer whole; such as, cutting, slicing, chipping, shredding, distilling, freezing, or other processes as determined by the administrative authority.

Present law requires the payments to waste tire processors by the 12th day of the month following the request for payment and conditions payment on providing documentation required by rules and regulations. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the secretary of DEQ to promulgate rules, regulations, and guidelines for the administration and enforcement of a waste tire program.

Proposed law requires the rules and regulations to provide for standards and requirements for end market uses of waste tire material which shall include, but are not limited to, uses recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Rubber Manufacturers Association, and end market uses approved by the department prior to March 15, 2015.

Proposed law prohibits disposal as an end market use of eligible waste tire material.

Present law creates the Waste Tire Program Task Force charged with the responsibilities to study, report, and make recommendations on the waste tire program to the oversight committees on or before February 15, 2014. Present law requires the task force to hold its first meeting by August 31,

2013. Proposed law removes the required dates for the report and holding its first meeting.

(Amends R.S. 30:2418(I)(2) and §3(A) and (C) of Act No. 323 of the 2013 R.S.; Adds R.S. 30:2412(31) and 2418(H)(10))