CHAPTER 41  
[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2130]  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT—LITTER CONTROL—RECOVERY AND RECYCLING  

AN ACT Relating to solid waste management; amending section 2, chapter 307, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 70.93.020; amending section 19, chapter 307, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 70.93.190; amending section 1, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.010; amending section 2, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.020; amending section 3, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 60, chapter 62, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.030; amending section 4, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.040; amending section 7, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.070; and adding new sections to chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 70.95 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds:

1. Continuing technological changes in methods of manufacture, packaging, and marketing of consumer products, together with the economic and population growth of this state, the rising affluence of its citizens, and its expanding industrial activity have created new and ever-mounting problems involving disposal of garbage, refuse, and solid waste materials resulting from domestic, agricultural, and industrial activities.

2. Traditional methods of disposing of solid wastes in this state are no longer adequate to meet the ever-increasing problem. Improper methods and practices of handling and disposal of solid wastes pollute our land, air and water resources, blight our countryside, adversely affect land values, and damage the overall quality of our environment.

3. Considerations of natural resource limitations, energy shortages, economics and the environment make necessary the development and implementation of solid waste recovery and/or recycling plans and programs.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a comprehensive state-wide program for solid waste handling, and solid waste recovery and/or recycling which will prevent land, air, and water pollution and conserve the natural (and), economic, and energy resources of this state. To this end it is the purpose of this chapter:

1. To assign primary responsibility for adequate solid waste handling to local government, reserving to the state, however, those functions necessary to assure effective programs throughout the state;

2. To provide for adequate planning for solid waste handling by local government;

3. To provide for the adoption and enforcement of basic minimum performance standards for solid waste handling;

4. To provide technical and financial assistance to local governments in the planning, development, and conduct of solid waste handling programs.
(5) It is the intent of the legislature that local governments be encouraged to use the expertise of private industry and to contract with private industry to the fullest extent possible to carry out solid waste recovery and/or recycling programs.

Sec. 3. Section 3, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 60, chapter 62, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.030 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise:
(1) "City" means every incorporated city and town.
(2) "Committee" means the solid waste advisory committee.
(3) "Department" means the department of ecology.
(4) "Director" means the director of the department of ecology.
(5) "Disposal site" means the location where any final treatment, utilization, processing, or depository of solid waste occurs.
(6) "Functional standards" means criteria for solid waste handling expressed in terms of expected performance or solid waste handling functions.
(7) "Jurisdictional health department" means city, county, city-county, or district public health department.
(8) "Person" means individual, firm, association, copartnership, political subdivision, government agency, municipality, industry, public or private corporation, or any other entity whatsoever.
(9) "Solid waste" means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid and semisolid wastes including, but not limited to, garbage, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, swill, demolition and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles or parts thereof, and discarded commodities.
(10) "Solid waste handling" means the management, storage, collection, transportation, treatment, utilization, processing, and final disposal of solid wastes, including the recovery and recycling of materials from solid wastes, the recovery of energy resources from such wastes or the conversion of the energy in such wastes to more useful forms or combinations thereof.

Sec. 4. Section 7, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.070 are each amended to read as follows:

The solid waste advisory committee shall review prior to adoption and shall recommend revisions, additions, and modifications to the minimum functional standards governing solid waste handling relating, but not limited to, the following:
(1) Vector production and sustenance.
(2) Air pollution (coordinated with regulations of the ((environmental quality department)) department of ecology).
(3) Pollution of surface and ground waters (coordinated with the regulations of the ((environment quality department)) department of ecology).
(4) Hazards to service or disposal workers or to the public.
(5) Prevention of littering.
(6) Adequacy and adaptability of disposal sites to population served.
(7) Design and operation of disposal sites.
(8) ((Salvaging)) Recovery and/or recycling of solid waste.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 70.95 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department shall in addition to its other duties and powers under this chapter:

1. Prepare the following:
   a. a management system for recycling waste paper generated by state offices and institutions in cooperation with such offices and institutions;
   b. an evaluation of existing and potential systems for recovery of energy and materials from solid waste with recommendations to affected governmental agencies as to those systems which would be the most appropriate for implementation;
   c. a data management system to evaluate and assist the progress of state and local jurisdictions and private industry in resource recovery;
   d. identification of potential markets, in cooperation with private industry, for recovered resources and the impact of the distribution of such resources on existing markets;
   e. studies on methods of transportation, collection, reduction, separation, and packaging which will encourage more efficient utilization of existing waste recovery facilities;
   f. recommendations on incentives, including state grants, loans, and other assistance, to local governments which will encourage the recovery and recycling of solid wastes.

2. Provide technical information and assistance to state and local jurisdictions, the public, and private industry on solid waste recovery and/or recycling.

3. Procure and expend funds available from federal agencies and other sources to assist the implementation by local governments of solid waste recovery and/or recycling programs, and projects.

4. Conduct necessary research and studies to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

5. Encourage and assist local governments and private industry to develop pilot solid waste recovery and/or recycling projects.

6. Monitor, assist with research, and collect data for use in assessing feasibility for others to develop solid waste recovery and/or recycling projects.

7. Make periodic recommendations to the governor and the legislature on actions and policies which would further implement the objectives of this 1976 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 70.95 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department shall work closely with the department of commerce and economic development, the department of general administration, and with other state departments and agencies, the Washington state association of counties, the association of Washington cities, and business associations, to carry out the objectives and purposes of this 1976 amendatory act.

Sec. 7. Section 2, chapter 307, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 70.93.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The purpose of this chapter is to accomplish litter control throughout this state by delegating to the department of ecology the authority to conduct a permanent
and continuous program to control and remove litter from this state to the maximum practical extent possible. This program shall include the compatible goal of recovery of recyclable materials to conserve energy and natural resources wherever practicable. Every other department of state government and all local governmental units and agencies of this state shall cooperate with the department of ecology in the administration and enforcement of this chapter. The intent of this chapter is to add to and to coordinate existing litter control and removal efforts and not terminate or supplant such efforts.

Sec. 8. Section 19, chapter 307, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 70.93.190 are each amended to read as follows:

The department shall allocate funds annually for the study of available research and development data in the field of ((litter)) the control, removal, ((and)) disposal, ((as well as)) recovery, and recycling of litter. The department is also authorized to study methods for implementation in this state of said research and development. In addition, such fund may be used for the development of public educational programs concerning the litter problem. Grants shall be made available for these purposes to those persons and local governments or agencies thereof deemed appropriate and qualified by the director.

Sec. 9. Section 4, chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 70.95.040 are each amended to read as follows:

There is created a solid waste advisory committee to provide consultation to the department of ((environmental quality)) ecology concerning matters covered by this chapter. The committee shall advise on the development of programs and regulations for solid waste ((management)) handling and solid waste recovery and/or recycling, and shall supply recommendations concerning methods by which existing solid waste ((management)) handling and solid waste recovery and/or recycling practices and the laws authorizing them may be supplemented and improved.

The committee shall consist of ((seven)) nine members, including the assistant director for the division of solid waste management within the department. The remaining ((six)) eight members shall be appointed by the director with due regard to the interests of the public, local government, agriculture, industry, public health, and the refuse removal ((industry)) and resource recovery industries. The term of appointment shall be determined by the director. The committee shall elect its own chairman and meet at least four times a year, in accordance with such rules of procedure as it shall establish. Members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed twenty-five dollars per diem for each day or portion thereof spent serving as members of the committee and shall be paid their necessary traveling expenses while engaged in business of the committee as prescribed in chapter 43.03 RCW, as now or hereafter amended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. There is added to chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 70.95 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department is authorized to use referendum 26 (chapter 43.83A RCW) funds of the Washington futures account to disburse to local governments in developing solid waste recovery and/or recycling projects.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. There is added to chapter 134, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 70.95 RCW a new section to read as follows:

If any provision of this 1976 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 42
[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2243]
UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT


Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to Title 26 RCW a new chapter to read as set forth in sections 2 through 21 and in sections 42 through 45 of this 1976 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "parent and child relationship" means the legal relationship existing between a child and his natural or adoptive parents incident to which the law confers or imposes rights, privileges, duties, and obligations. It includes the mother and child relationship and the father and child relationship.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The parent and child relationship extends equally to every child and to every parent, regardless of the marital status of the parents.