

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1178

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 42231 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1178, as introduced, Ma. Solid waste: compost market program.

Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, establishes a compost market program to increase the use of compost products, including requiring the Department of General Services and Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to maintain specifications for the purchase of compost by the state and requiring the Department of Transportation to use compost in place of, or to supplement, petroleum-based commercial fertilizers in the state's highway landscape maintenance program. The term compost is defined, for purposes of this program, as the product resulting from the controlled biological decomposition of organic wastes that are source separated from the municipal solid waste stream.

This bill would specify that these organic wastes include, but are not limited to, vegetable, yard, and wood wastes that are not hazardous waste.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42231 of the Public Resources Code is
2 amended to read:

3 42231. “Compost” means the product resulting from the
4 controlled biological decomposition of organic wastes, *including,*
5 *but not limited to, vegetable, yard, and wood wastes that are not*
6 *hazardous waste, and that are ~~sources~~ source* separated from the
7 municipal solid waste stream.

8 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
9 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
10 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
11 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

12 In order to encourage the use of sustainable compost as soon as
13 possible, thereby protecting public health and safety and the
14 environment, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.