

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 45

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

December 1, 2014

An act relating to hazardous waste.

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AB 45, as introduced, Mullin. Household hazardous waste.

Existing law authorizes public agencies to operate curbside household hazardous waste collection facilities, door-to-door household hazardous waste collection programs, and household hazardous waste residential pickup services, and specifies conditions for the transportation of household hazardous waste.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would establish curbside household hazardous waste collection programs, door-to-door household hazardous waste collection programs, and household hazardous waste residential pickup services as the principal means of collecting household hazardous waste and diverting it from California's landfills and waterways.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (1) Household hazardous waste is creating environmental,
- 4 health, and workplace safety issues. Whether due to unused
- 5 pharmaceuticals, batteries, medical devices, or other disposable

1 consumer items, effective and efficient disposal remains an
2 extraordinary challenge.

3 (2) State and local efforts to address disposal of these items
4 have been well intended, but ultimately these piecemeal and
5 truncated approaches have not proved effective. These approaches
6 fragment the collection of household hazardous waste and move
7 collection away from the closest and most practical point of
8 disposal: the consumer’s residence.

9 (3) A number of cities in California are already using curbside
10 household hazardous waste collection programs, door-to-door
11 household hazardous waste collection programs, and household
12 hazardous waste residential pickup services as mechanisms for
13 collecting and disposing of many commonly used household items
14 for which disposal has been the subject of state legislation or local
15 ordinances. The waste disposal companies and local governments
16 that have implemented these programs and services have found
17 them to be successful and inexpensive.

18 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that
19 would establish curbside household hazardous waste collection
20 programs, door-to-door household hazardous waste collection
21 programs, and household hazardous waste residential pickup
22 services as the principal means of collecting household hazardous
23 waste and diverting it from California’s landfills and waterways.