

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 876**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member McCarty**

February 26, 2015

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An act to add Section 40512 to the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 876, as introduced, McCarty. Compostable organics.

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which is administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, establishes an integrated waste management program. Existing law requires each city, county, and regional agency, if any, to develop a source reduction and recycling element of an integrated waste management plan.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990, to be achieved by 2020, and to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible, and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

This bill would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in coordination with the State Air Resources Board, to promote the use of compostable organics for critically needed alternatives to agricultural amendments and for low-carbon fuel manufacturing to reduce fugitive methane emissions associated with landfill and other waste operations.

Vote: majority. 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 40512 is added to the Public Resources
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 40512. The department, in coordination with the State Air
- 4 Resources Board, shall promote the use of compostable organics
- 5 for critically needed alternatives to agricultural amendments and
- 6 for low-carbon fuel manufacturing to reduce fugitive methane
- 7 emissions associated with landfill and other waste operations.