

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1103

Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 42649.8 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1103, as introduced, Dodd. Solid waste: organic waste.

Existing law, on and after April 1, 2016, requires a business that generates a certain amount of organic waste to arrange for recycling services specifically for organic waste, and requires each city, county, or regional agency approved by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to implement an organic waste recycling program designed to divert organic waste generated by those businesses, except as specified. Existing law defines the term “organic waste” for purposes of those provisions to include food waste and food-soiled paper waste.

This bill would also define the terms “food-soiled paper” and “food waste” for purposes of those provisions.

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. Section 42649.8 of the Public Resources Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 42649.8. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall
- 4 apply:

1 (a) “Business” means a commercial or public entity, including,
2 but not limited to, a firm, partnership, proprietorship, joint stock
3 company, corporation, or association that is organized as a
4 for-profit or nonprofit entity, or a multifamily residential dwelling.

5 (b) “Commercial waste generator” means a business subject to
6 subdivision (a) of Section 42649.2.

7 (c) “Food-soiled paper” includes food soiled napkins, towels,
8 egg cartons, pizza boxes, waxed cardboard containers, and
9 uncoated plates and cups.

10 (d) “Food waste” means discarded solid, semisolid, and liquid
11 food, including fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, bones, poultry,
12 seafood, bread, rice, pasta, and oils; coffee filters and tea bags;
13 cut flowers and herbs; and any putrescible matter produced from
14 human or animal food production, preparation, and consumption
15 activities. Food waste includes food-soiled paper.

16 (e)

17 (e) “Organic waste” means food waste, green waste, landscape
18 and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled
19 paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.

20 (f)

21 (f) “Organic waste generator” means a business subject to
22 subdivision (a) of Section 42649.81.

23 (g)

24 (g) “Rural jurisdiction” means a jurisdiction that is located
25 entirely within one or more rural counties, or a regional agency
26 comprised of jurisdictions that are located within one or more rural
27 counties.

28 (h)

29 (h) “Rural county” means a county that has a total population
30 of less than 70,000 persons.

31 (i)

32 (i) “Self-hauler” means a business that hauls its own waste rather
33 than contracting for that service and “self-haul” means to act as a
34 self-hauler.