



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1808

PRINTERS NO. 3919

PRIME SPONSOR: Mackenzie

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1808, Printer's Number 3919, amends the Solid Waste Management Act to update definitions allowing for "advanced recycling" and "advanced recycling facilities."

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends the Solid Waste Management Act (Act 97 of 1980) by adding definitions related to the recycling of plastics and defining "advanced recycling" as a manufacturing process for the conversion of post-use polymers and including methodologies and processes like pyrolysis, gasification and depolymerization. An advanced recycling facility is a manufacturing facility that receives post-use polymers for the use in advanced recycling. The term would not include a resource recovery facility or disposal facility that receives unsorted municipal waste.

Post-use polymers converted through advanced recycling are not considered municipal waste under the act and are defined as post-use plastic derived from residential, municipal, or commercial sources that would not otherwise be recycled. This includes source-separated recyclable plastics from a materials recycling facility that is not contaminated with other wastes. Post-use polymers that are converted using advanced recycling shall not be considered solid waste, municipal waste or residual waste.

The conversion of post-use polymers through advanced recycling and the by-products of advanced recycling conversion shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Protection.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*