

Committee on Environmental Preservation And Conservation

CS/HB 335 — Resource Recovery and Management

by Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee and Rep. Clemons and others (CS/CS/SB 1104 by Appropriations Committee; Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee; and Senator Perry)

The bill (Chapter 2017-167, L.O.F.) adds post-use polymers and pyrolysis facilities to those materials and facilities that are exempt from solid waste regulations. A majority of the post-use polymers at a facility must be sold, used, or reused within one year. The post-use polymers and the pyrolysis facility must meet the other existing statutory criteria applicable to recovered materials and recovered materials processing facilities. The bill specifies that the terms “used” or “reused” include, but are not limited to, the conversion by gasification or pyrolysis of post-use polymers into crude oil, fuels, feedstocks, or other raw materials or intermediate or final products.

The bill adds new definitions for the following terms:

- Gasification to fuels, chemicals, and feedstocks;
- Post-use polymers;
- Pyrolysis; and
- Pyrolysis facility.

The bill also amends existing definitions of terms to add references based on the exemption from solid waste regulations for converting post-use polymers by gasification or pyrolysis to fuels, chemicals, and feedstocks.

Finally, the bill clarifies that DEP and local governments must regulate post-use polymers and pyrolysis facilities according to the same provisions that govern recovered materials and recovered materials processing facilities.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect on July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0