

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1162

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to recyclable materials; creating the  
8 Oklahoma Recyclable Container Initiative; stating  
9 purpose; declaring legislative findings; providing  
10 for membership appointments by certain date;  
11 authorizing rulemaking; providing for codification;  
12 and declaring an emergency.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-11-104 of Title 27A, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created within the Department of  
18 Environmental Quality, the Oklahoma Recyclable Container Initiative  
19 (ORCI), a working group appointed pursuant to this section, for the  
20 purpose of encouraging and promoting the creation of partnerships  
21 between various stakeholders committed to improving the recovery and  
22 resale of high quality, valuable container feedstock materials and  
23 keeping those same materials from entering the solid waste stream.

24 B. The Legislature finds it is in the public interest to create  
the Oklahoma Recyclable Container Initiative (ORCI) because:

1 1. There exists a robust interstate and intrastate market for  
2 recyclable containers which are produced and used by many Oklahoma  
3 industries and current demand far exceeds the available supply;

4 2. The economic challenges facing our state's municipalities,  
5 counties and other entities responsible for the collection and  
6 disposal of solid waste are severe and ongoing and the ORCI will  
7 provide an opportunity to evaluate current solid waste collection  
8 and disposal methods and possibly reduce costs for those entities;

9 3. Increasing the use of recyclable containers may increase the  
10 competitiveness of existing state industries in relation to their  
11 foreign and domestic competitors thereby preserving existing jobs  
12 and potentially adding new jobs; and

13 4. Roadside and waterway litter will be reduced and the ORCI  
14 will be available to support the efforts of a variety of interest  
15 groups working to improve collection and recovery rates for all  
16 types of recyclable materials.

17 C. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental  
18 Quality shall appoint a working group consisting of any number of  
19 representatives of interested stakeholders within sixty (60) days  
20 following the effective date of this act. The primary mission of  
21 the ORCI shall be to identify or create methods to help Oklahoma  
22 industries achieve a goal of capturing and reusing fifty percent  
23 (50%) of recyclable containers. The Executive Director, or  
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1 designee, shall serve as chair of the ORCI and shall determine an  
2 appropriate meeting schedule.

3 D. Members appointed to the ORCI pursuant to this section shall  
4 serve without compensation.

5 E. The Environmental Quality Board is authorized to promulgate  
6 any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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