

Mattress EPR Program Overview

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Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act

- ▶ Supports statewide goal of at least 75% by 2020
- ▶ Reduce illegal dumping, increase recycling, reduce public agency costs for end-of-life management
 - ▶ [Chapter 388, Statutes of 2013 \[Hancock, SB 254\]](#) established statewide Mattress Stewardship Program.
 - ▶ [Chapter 371, Statutes of 2014 \[Hancock, SB 1274\]](#) clarified definitions, report submittals, and record keeping requirements.

Scope

- ▶ Recycling charge at point of sale for a mattress and its foundation
- ▶ **Mattress**
 - ▶ resilient material or combination of materials that is enclosed by a ticking... intended for or promoted for sleeping upon
- ▶ **Foundation**
 - ▶ ticking-covered structure used to support a mattress or sleep surface



Scope



▶ Excludes

- Mattresses manufactured by Prison Industry Authority and purchased by the state
- unattached mattress pads/toppers
- sleeping bags or pillows
- juvenile products
- water beds
- air mattresses

Statutory Responsibilities

▶ CalRecycle

- ❑ Appoint MRC Advisory Committee
- ❑ Approve plans, annual reports, budgets
- ❑ Approve the mattress recycling charge
- ❑ Post compliant manufacturers and renovators
- ❑ Enforcement
- ❑ Set baseline and recycling goals

Statutory Responsibilities

▶ **Mattress Recycling Organization**

- ❑ Develop plan, budgets, annual reports
- ❑ Propose mattress recycling charge
- ❑ Provide education and outreach
- ❑ Maintain records on compliant manufacturers
- ❑ Reimburse CalRecycle

Mattress Recycling Organization

- ▶ MRO must be certified by department

- ▶ Advisory Committee

- 13 members appointed by Director

- <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/mattresses/Stewardship.htm>

Mattress Recycling Plan

- ▶ **On or before July 1, 2015:**
 - MRO must submit plan to CalRecycle for recycling used mattresses in CA. Plan needs to:
 - ❑ Coordinate activities with existing used mattress collection and recycling programs
 - ❑ Provide sufficient funding for MRO to carry out the plan

Plan Requirements



- ▶ Objectives consistent with CA's solid waste management hierarchy
- ▶ Increase used mattress diversion
- ▶ Reduce illegal dumping
- ▶ Increase quantity of used material

Plan Requirements: Education and Outreach

- ▶ Outreach efforts and education to consumers, manufacturers, and retailers
 - ❑ MRO to include examples of educational materials
 - ❑ Provide information about self drop-off
 - ❑ Develop processes to collect from low-income communities

Retailer Used Mattress Take-back

► July 1, 2014

- ❑ Must offer consumers used mattress pick up at time of new mattress delivery
- ❑ Can contract out to third party
- ❑ Reserve the right to refuse used mattress if determined contaminated or a risk



Mattress Recycling Budget

▶ On or before July 1, 2015

- ❑ MRO must submit budget to CalRecycle, including **Mattress Recycling Charge**
- ❑ Sufficient to fund revenue requirements in budget
- ❑ Flat rate
- ❑ No more than two different charges based on different mattress sizes

Plan and Budget Approval

Within 90 days of receipt:

▶ **Mattress Recycling Plan**

- CalRecycle must approve, disapprove, or conditionally approve

▶ **Budget**

- CalRecycle must approve or disapprove

Plan Implementation

- ▶ Within 90 days after approval or conditional approval, MRO will implement the plan
- ▶ Each manufacturer, renovator, retailer, or distributor that sells a mattress to the ultimate end user shall add the recycling charge to mattress price



Reporting

By July 1, 2017, and each year thereafter:

- ▶ MRO submits Annual Report
- ▶ Recyclers and renovators must report:
 - ❑ Number of mattresses received and recycled/renovated
- ▶ Solid waste facility operators
 - ❑ Number of mattresses recycled, renovated, and disposed

Enforcement

► **Civil Penalties and/or:**

- Revoke mattress recycling plan and require MRO to resubmit
- Remove manufacturer or renovator from website list of compliant parties



Enforcement: Compliance

- ▶ **July 1, 2014**
 - ▶ Retailers must offer consumers used mattress pick up at no additional cost
- ▶ **January 1, 2015**
 - ▶ Manufacturers, renovators, and retailers must be registered with the MRO
- ▶ **January 1, 2016**
 - ▶ Retailer shall not sell, distribute, or offer for sale
 - ▶ Manufacturer or renovator shall not sell, offer for sale, or import in CA or to a distributor or retailer

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