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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL**NO. 1985****Introduced by Assembly Member Robert Rivas****February 10, 2022**

An act to add Section 42656 to the Public Resources Code, relating to organic waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1985, as introduced, Robert Rivas. Organic waste: list: available products.

Existing law requires, no later than January 1, 2018, the State Air Resources Board to approve and begin implementing a comprehensive short-lived climate pollutant strategy to achieve a reduction in statewide emissions of methane by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40%, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030. Existing law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include a 50% reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve these organic waste reduction goals, including a requirement intended to meet the goal that not less than 20% of edible food that is currently disposed of be recovered for human consumption by 2025.

This bill would require the department to compile and maintain on its internet website a list, organized by ZIP Code, of information regarding persons or entities that produce and have available in the state organic waste products and update the list at least every 6 months. The bill would require that a person or entity seeking to be on the list send a written request to the department that includes certain information, including a description of the available organic waste products. The bill would also require the department to verify the accuracy of the information provided prior to posting the information on its internet website.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 42656 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

42656. (a) The department shall compile and maintain on its internet website, and update at least every six months, a list of persons or entities that produce and have available in the state organic waste products.

(b) A person or entity seeking to be included on the list compiled by the department pursuant to subdivision (a) shall send to the department a written request that includes all of the following information:

(1) The name and contact information for the person or entity seeking to be included on the list.

(2) The location of the facility at which the organic waste products are available.

(3) A description of the type of facility that generated or generates the organic waste products.

(4) A description of the available organic waste products.

(c) In compiling the list pursuant to subdivision (a), the department shall do all of the following:

(1) Verify the accuracy of the information provided by a person or entity requesting to be included on the list pursuant to subdivision (b) prior to including that person or entity on the list.

(2) Post on its internet website, once verified, the information provided by a person or entity requesting to be included on the list pursuant to subdivision (b).

(3) Ensure that the list compiled pursuant to subdivision (a) is organized by ZIP Code to allow local governments to quickly search for organic waste products available in the state.