

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**  
**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6858**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1231

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 29, 2025

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Battery Recycling.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Miller D

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a retailer may not sell, offer for sale, or distribute for sale a covered battery unless: (1) the producer joins a battery stewardship organization; and (2) the battery is approved under a battery stewardship plan. It provides that a battery stewardship organization shall submit a battery stewardship plan (plan) to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for approval. It also sets out certain requirements with respect to a plan.

This bill establishes the Battery Stewardship Fund to cover the IDEM's expenses in administering this act. It requires IDEM to publish certain information regarding battery recycling on the IDEM website. It also provides that a battery stewardship organization may recover, under certain circumstances, all costs associated with collecting a covered battery from the producer.

This bill prohibits a person from improperly recycling a covered battery. It also defines certain terms.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Battery Stewardship Fund and Plans:* The bill establishes the non-reverting Battery Stewardship Fund to be administered by IDEM. The bill also requires IDEM to administer battery stewardship plans (plans) with battery stewardship organizations. Expenses for administering the fund and plans shall be paid from the fund. Revenue sources for the fund include required battery stewardship plan fees and appropriations made by the General Assembly. The bill does not make an appropriation.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Plan Fees:* The bill requires IDEM to impose an annual fee of \$100,000 on each battery stewardship organization that submits an approved plan. All fee revenue will be deposited into the newly established Battery Stewardship Fund to be used by IDEM to administer the plans.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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