

# SB1280



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB1280

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Sen. Laura Fine

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/77 new

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that the first full week of May is designated as Compost Awareness Week to be observed throughout the State as a week to recognize and promote the importance of composting and the use of compost in growing healthier food, supporting healthier soils, and creating a more sustainable world, and shall include all relevant activities connected to the annual theme of International Compost Awareness Week.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds and  
5 declares the following:

6 (1) Composting is an effective form of waste  
7 reduction, reuse, and recycling, and since organic  
8 materials make up approximately 30% of the material going  
9 into landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary  
10 methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals and  
11 create sustainable communities.

12 (2) Organic residual materials, including yard  
13 trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps,  
14 manures, and hay shavings, have been composted and  
15 converted into a beneficial product known as compost.

16 (3) Returning organic resources, remanufactured into  
17 compost, to the soil reduces water consumption by over 30%  
18 for all soil types, conserves water during extreme drought  
19 or flooding conditions, decreases dependence on chemical  
20 fertilizers and pesticides, and decreases erosion and  
21 nonpoint source pollution.

22 (4) Communities, through their local governments,  
23 highway departments, soil conservation services, and  
24 public works professionals, can have positive impacts on

1 clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion  
2 by using compost for public works projects.

3 (5) Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure  
4 for cities and states that implement composting programs.

5 (6) International Compost Awareness Week is a  
6 multimedia publicity and educational initiative designed  
7 to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use  
8 and is supported by compost industry organizations from  
9 around the world.

10 (7) The many benefits of composting should be  
11 recognized and promoted throughout the State of Illinois  
12 on annual basis.

13 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by  
14 adding Section 77 as follows:

15 (5 ILCS 490/77 new)

16 Sec. 77. Compost Awareness Week. The first full week of  
17 May is designated as Compost Awareness Week to be observed  
18 throughout the State as a week to recognize and promote the  
19 importance of composting and the use of compost in growing  
20 healthier food, supporting healthier soils, and creating a  
21 more sustainable world, and shall include all relevant  
22 activities connected to the annual theme of International  
23 Compost Awareness Week.