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## NWRA KENTUCKY CHAPTER EFFORTS YIELD SUCCESS IN PASSING LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS CONSUMERS AND THE PRIVATE WASTE & RECYCLING INDUSTRY

*Industry Leaders Applaud Governor Bevin and Representatives **GOOCH JR., CASTLEN, BENVENUTI III, HALE, RIGGS** and **SANTORO** for Bringing Forth Legislation that Improves Transparency and a More Even Playing Field for Private Waste Companies*

**Arlington, VA – April 13, 2017** – On March 20, Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin signed into law HB119, a law that prohibits a local government from displacing solid waste management services without following a process of notification and public involvement. The Kentucky Chapter of the National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) worked for two years building relationships, establishing a framework and seeking sponsors to introduce this bill. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2017.

“The private sector waste and recycling operators in Kentucky are business owners and employers who are invested in and provide an invaluable service within our communities,” said Robert Lee, CEO EcoTech Waste Logistics and Kentucky Chapter Chair for NWRA. “This legislation helps protect this vital service and allows our industry to continue to work hand in hand with communities by providing innovated, efficient and economical service.”

The law works to “prohibit a local government from displacing a current provider of solid waste management services without notification and public hearing; prescribe timetables for a local government to make a decision on an action to displace a current provider of solid waste management services and allow displacement if services pose a risk to health or safety of residents or a material breach of contract.” The full language of the law can be found at: [HTTP://WWW.LRC.KY.GOV/RECORD/17RS/HB119.HTM](http://WWW.LRC.KY.GOV/RECORD/17RS/HB119.HTM)

### ABOUT NWRA

The National Waste and Recycling Association is the leading organization providing leadership, advocacy, research, education and safety expertise for the waste and recycling industries. NWRA advocates at the federal, state and local levels on all issues of importance to our member companies as they provide safe, economically sustainable and environmentally sound services to communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

NWRA’s Kentucky State Chapter represents the private sector waste and recycling industry statewide. According to data compiled by NWRA the private waste and recycling industry employs nearly 5,000 people in Kentucky.

According to data compiled by NWRA, the annual economic impact to Kentucky state’s economy, generated by the waste and recycling industry is \$945 million. When the economic activity of the waste and recycling industry with other industries is calculated, the waste and recycling industry’s overall impact to Kentucky state’s economy is over \$1.8 billion annually.

For more information about how innovation in the waste and recycling industry is helping solve Kentucky’s waste and recycling challenges, visit: [www.wasterecycling.org](http://www.wasterecycling.org).

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