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Senate Bill 1009

Sponsor: Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D.

Committee: Health Policy

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1009 as introduced 9-22-88:

The bill would amend the Solid Waste Management Act to prohibit a person from knowingly disposing of the following in a sanitary landfill, and to prohibit an owner or operator of a sanitary landfill from knowingly permitting the disposal of the following in a sanitary landfill:

- "Infectious waste" unless the waste had been decontaminated or was not required to be decontaminated but was packaged in the manner required under the Public Health Code.
- "Pathological waste".
- "Sharps" that were not in rigid, puncture-resistant containers.

(The terms used in the bill would be defined in Senate Bill 1005.)

The Director of the Department of Natural Resources would be required to promulgate rules pertaining to the safe transportation of infectious waste, pathological waste, and sharps.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 1005, which would prescribe procedures for private health care practitioners, clinical laboratories, and health facilities and agencies to follow in handling, decontaminating, and disposing of infectious waste.

Proposed MCL 299.413 and 299.421

Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State government by potentially expanding the caseload for law enforcement, judicial, and corrections agencies while also generating revenue through fines.

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