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Senate Bill 71

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

Committee: Health Policy

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 71 as introduced 2-1-89:

The bill would amend the Mental Health Code to require a mental hospital, psychiatric hospital, psychiatric unit, or hospital operated or licensed by the Department of Mental Health that handled "infectious waste" to comply with requirements in the Public Health Code on the handling, containment, decontamination, transportation, and disposal of "infectious waste", as proposed in Senate Bill 69, in the same manner in which "health facilities or agencies" would be required to comply with these proposed provisions. The bill would define "health facility or agency" as defined in the Public Health Code, and "infectious waste" defined in Senate Bill 69.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 69.

Proposed MCL 330.1149b

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in an indeterminate increased cost to the State by expanding certain precautionary controls and requiring the installation of special equipment. There are four State mental health facilities that operate a clinical laboratory, which is licensed by the State Department of Public Health. The following new requirements would result in increased costs: the use of biological safety cabinets or other physical containment devices, the installation of double-door entry into the laboratory, and the installation of a ducted exhaust air-ventilation system.

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