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Introduced by Senator McManus

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 941

AN ACT to amend sections 11509, 11510, 11511, 11512, 11516, 11517, 11519, 11529, and 11541 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," being sections 324.11509, 324.11510, 324.11511, 324.11512, 324.11516, 324.11519, 324.11519, 324.11529, and 324.11541 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add sections 11525a, 11525b, 11550, and 20115b.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Sections 11509, 11510, 11511, 11512, 11516, 11517, 11519, 11529, and 11541 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.11509, 324.11510, 324.11511, 324.11512, 324.11516, 324.11517, 324.11519, 324.11529, and 324.11541 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended and sections 11525a, 11525b, 11550, and 20115b are added to read as follows:

Sec. 11509. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 11529, a person otherwise allowed under this part to own or operate a solid waste disposal area shall not establish a disposal area without a construction permit from the department, contrary to an approved solid waste management plan, or contrary to a permit, license, or final order issued pursuant to this part. A person proposing the establishment of a disposal area shall apply for a construction permit to the department through the health officer on a form provided by the department. If the disposal area is located in a county or city that does not have a certified health department, the application shall be made directly to the department.

- (2) The application for a construction permit shall contain the name and residence of the applicant, the location of the proposed disposal area, the design capacity of the disposal area, and other information specified by rule. A person may apply to construct more than 1 type of disposal area at the same facility under a single permit. The application shall be accompanied by an engineering plan and a construction permit application fee. A construction application permit for a landfill shall be accompanied by a fee in an amount that is the sum of all of the applicable fees in this subsection:
 - (a) For a new sanitary landfill, a fee equal to the following amount:
 - (i) For a municipal solid waste landfill, \$1,500.00.
 - (ii) For an industrial waste landfill, \$1,000.00.
 - (iii) For a type III landfill limited to low hazard industrial waste, \$750.00.

- (b) For a lateral expansion of a sanitary landfill, a fee equal to the following amount:
- (i) For a municipal solid waste landfill, \$1,000.00.
- (ii) For an industrial waste landfill, \$750.00.
- (iii) For a type III landfill limited to low hazard industrial waste, construction and demolition waste, or other nonindustrial waste, \$500.00.
 - (c) For a vertical expansion of an existing sanitary landfill, a fee equal to the following amount:
 - (i) For a municipal solid waste landfill, \$750.00.
 - (ii) For an industrial waste landfill, \$500.00.
- (iii) For an industrial waste landfill limited to low hazard industrial waste, construction and demolition waste, or other nonindustrial waste, \$250.00.
- (3) The application for a construction permit for a solid waste transfer facility, a solid waste processing plant, other disposal area, or a combination of these, shall be accompanied by a fee in the following amount:
- (a) For a new facility for municipal solid waste, or a combination of municipal solid waste and waste listed in subdivision (b), \$1,000.00.
 - (b) For a new facility for industrial waste, or construction and demolition waste, \$500.00.
 - (c) For the expansion of an existing facility for any type of waste, \$250.00.
- (4) If an application is returned to the applicant as administratively incomplete, the department shall refund the entire fee. If a permit is denied or an application is withdrawn, the department shall refund 1/2 the amount specified in subsection (3) to the applicant. An applicant for a construction permit, within 12 months after a permit denial or withdrawal, may resubmit the application and the refunded portion of the fee, together with the additional information as needed to address the reasons for denial, without being required to pay an additional application fee.
- (5) An application for a modification to a construction permit or for renewal of a construction permit which has expired shall be accompanied by a fee of \$250.00. Increases in final elevations that do not result in an increase in design capacity or a change in the solid waste boundary shall be considered a modification and not a vertical expansion.
- (6) A person who applies to permit more than 1 type of disposal area at the same facility shall pay a fee equal to the sum of the applicable fees listed in this section.
- (7) The department shall deposit permit application fees collected under this section in the solid waste staff account of the solid waste management fund established in section 11550.
- Sec. 11510. (1) Before the submission of a construction permit application for a new disposal area, the applicant shall request a health officer or the department to provide an advisory analysis of the proposed disposal area. However, the applicant, not less than 15 days after the request, and notwithstanding an analysis result, may file an application for a construction permit.
 - (2) Upon receipt of a construction permit application, the department shall do all of the following:
- (a) Immediately notify the clerk of the municipality in which the disposal area is located or proposed to be located, the local soil erosion and sedimentation control agency, each division within the department and the department of natural resources that has responsibilities in land, air, or water management, and the designated regional solid waste management planning agency.
- (b) Publish a notice in a newspaper having major circulation in the vicinity of the proposed disposal area. The required published notice shall contain a map indicating the location of the proposed disposal area and shall contain a description of the proposed disposal area and the location where the complete application package may be reviewed and where copies may be obtained.
- (c) Indicate in the public, departmental, and municipality notice that the department shall hold a public hearing in the area of the proposed disposal area if a written request is submitted by the applicant or a municipality within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice, or by a petition submitted to the department containing a number of signatures equal to not less than 10% of the number of registered voters of the municipality where the proposed disposal area is to be located who voted in the last gubernatorial election. The petition shall be validated by the clerk of the municipality. The public hearing shall be held after the department makes a preliminary review of the application and all pertinent data and before a construction permit is issued or denied.
- (d) Conduct a consistency review of the plans of the proposed disposal area to determine if it complies with this part and the rules promulgated under this part. The review shall be made by persons qualified in hydrogeology and sanitary landfill engineering. A written acknowledgment that the application package is in compliance with the requirements of this part and rules promulgated under this part by the persons qualified in hydrogeology and sanitary landfill engineering shall be received before a construction permit is issued. If the consistency review of the site and the plans

and the application meet the requirements of this part and the rules promulgated under this part, the department shall issue a construction permit that may contain a stipulation specifically applicable to the site and operation. Except as otherwise provided in section 11542, an expansion of the area of a disposal area, an enlargement in capacity of a disposal area, or an alteration of a disposal area to a different type of disposal area than had been specified in the previous construction permit application constitutes a new proposal for which a new construction permit is required. The upgrading of a disposal area type required by the department to comply with this part or the rules promulgated under this part or to comply with a consent order does not require a new construction permit.

- (e) Notify the Michigan aeronautics commission if the disposal area is a sanitary landfill proposed to be located within 10,000 feet of a runway or a proposed runway extension contained in a plan approved by the Michigan aeronautics commission of an airport licensed and regulated by the Michigan aeronautics commission. The department shall make a copy of the application available to the Michigan aeronautics commission. If, after a period of time for review and comment not to exceed 60 days, the Michigan aeronautics commission informs the department that it finds that operation of the proposed disposal area would present a potential hazard to air navigation and presents the basis for its findings, the department may either recommend appropriate changes in the location, construction, or operation of the proposed disposal area or deny the application for a construction permit. The department shall give an applicant an opportunity to rebut a finding of the Michigan aeronautics commission that the operation of a proposed disposal area would present a potential hazard to air navigation.
- Sec. 11511. (1) The department shall make a final decision as to whether to issue a construction permit within 120 days after the department receives an administratively complete application. The decision of the department and the reasons for the decision shall be in writing with specific reference to this part or rules promulgated under this part for any substantiation of denial of the permit application and shall be sent by first-class mail to the clerk of the municipality in which the disposal area is proposed to be located and to the applicant within 10 days after the final decision is made. If the department fails to make a final decision within 120 days, the permit shall be considered issued.
- (2) A construction permit shall expire 1 year after the date of issuance, unless development under the construction permit is initiated within that year. A construction permit that has expired may be renewed upon payment of a permit renewal fee and submission of any additional information the department may require.
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the department shall not issue a construction permit for a disposal area within a planning area unless a solid waste management plan for that planning area has been approved pursuant to sections 11536 and 11537 and unless the disposal area complies with and is consistent with the approved solid waste management plan. The department may issue a construction permit for a disposal area designed to receive ashes produced in connection with the combustion of fossil fuels for electrical power generation in the absence of an approved county solid waste management plan, upon receipt of a letter of approval from whichever county or counties, group of municipalities, or regional planning agency has prepared or is preparing the county solid waste management plan for that planning area under section 11533 and from the municipality in which the disposal area is to be located.
- Sec. 11512. (1) A person shall dispose of solid waste at a disposal area licensed under this part unless a person is permitted by state law or rules promulgated by the department to dispose of the solid waste at the site of generation.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section or in section 11529, a person otherwise allowed under this part to own or operate a solid waste disposal area shall not conduct, manage, maintain, or operate a disposal area within this state without a license from the department, contrary to an approved solid waste management plan, or contrary to a permit, license, or final order issued under this part. A person who intends to conduct, manage, maintain, or operate a disposal area shall submit a prior license application to the department through a certified health department on a form provided by the department. If the disposal area is located in a county or city that does not have a certified health department, the application shall be made directly to the department. A person authorized by this part to operate more than 1 type of disposal area at the same facility may apply for a single license.
- (3) The application for a license shall contain the name and residence of the applicant, the location of the proposed or existing disposal area, the type or types of disposal area proposed, evidence of bonding, and other information required by rule. In addition, an applicant for a type II landfill shall submit evidence of financial assurance adequate to meet the requirements of section 11523a, the maximum waste slope in the active portion, an estimate of remaining permitted capacity, and documentation on the amount of waste received at the disposal area during the previous license period or expected to be received, whichever is greater. The application shall be accompanied by a fee based on the number of years proposed for licensure as specified in subsections (7), (9), and (10).
- (4) At the time of application for a license for a disposal area, the applicant shall submit to a health officer or the department a certification under the seal of a licensed professional engineer verifying that the construction of the disposal area has proceeded according to the approved plans. If construction of the disposal area or a portion of the disposal area is not complete, the department shall require additional construction certification of that portion of the disposal area during intermediate progression of the operation, as specified in section 11516(4).

- (5) An applicant for an operating license, within 6 months after a license denial, may resubmit the application, together with additional information or corrections as are necessary to address the reason for denial, without being required to pay an additional application fee.
- (6) In order to conduct tests and assess operational capabilities, the owner or operator of a municipal solid waste incinerator that is designed to burn at a temperature in excess of 2500 degrees Fahrenheit may operate the incinerator without an operating license, upon notice to the department, for a period not to exceed 60 days.
- (7) The application for a type II landfill operating license shall be accompanied by the following fee for the 2-year term of the operating license, calculated in accordance with subsection (8):
 - (a) Landfills receiving less than 100 tons per day, \$250.00.
 - (b) Landfills receiving 100 tons per day or more, but less than 250 tons per day, \$1,000.00.
 - (c) Landfills receiving 250 tons per day or more, but less than 500 tons per day, \$2,500.00.
 - (d) Landfills receiving 500 tons per day or more, but less than 1,000 tons per day, \$5,000.00.
 - (e) Landfills receiving 1,000 tons per day or more, but less than 1,500 tons per day, \$10,000.00.
 - (f) Landfills receiving 1,500 tons per day or more, but less than 3,000 tons per day, \$20,000.00.
 - (g) Landfills receiving greater than 3,000 tons per day, \$30,000.00.
- (8) Type II landfill application fees shall be based on the average amount of waste projected to be received daily during the license period. Application fees for license renewals shall be based on the average amount of waste received in the previous calendar year. Application fees shall be adjusted in the following circumstances:
- (a) If a landfill accepts more waste than projected, a supplemental fee equal to the difference shall be submitted with the next license application.
- (b) If a landfill accepts less waste than projected, the department shall credit the applicant an amount equal to the difference with the next license application.
- (c) A type II landfill that measures waste by volume rather than weight shall pay a fee based on 3 cubic yards per ton.
- (d) A landfill used exclusively for municipal solid waste incinerator ash that measures waste by volume rather than weight shall pay a fee based on 1 cubic yard per ton.
- (e) If an application is submitted to renew a license more than 1 year prior to license expiration, the department shall credit the applicant an amount equal to 1/2 the application fee.
- (f) If an application is submitted to renew a license more than 6 months but less than 1 year prior to license expiration, the department shall credit the applicant an amount equal to 1/4 the application fee.
 - (9) The operating license application for a type III landfill shall be accompanied by a fee equal to \$2,500.00.
- (10) The operating license application for a solid waste processing plant, solid waste transfer facility, other disposal area, or combination of these entities shall be accompanied by a fee equal to \$500.00.
- (11) The department shall deposit operating license application fees collected under this section in the perpetual care account of the solid waste management fund established in section 11550.
- (12) A person who applies for an operating license for more than 1 type of disposal area at the same facility shall pay a fee equal to the sum of the applicable application fees listed in this section.
- Sec. 11516. (1) Subject to subsection (4), the department shall conduct a consistency review and make a final decision on a license application within 90 days after the department receives an administratively complete application. The decision of the department and the reasons for the decision shall be documented in writing with specific reference to this part or rules promulgated under this part and shall be sent by first-class mail to the clerk of the municipality in which the disposal area is located and to the applicant within 10 days after the final decision is made. If the department fails to make a final decision within 90 days, the license is considered issued.
- (2) An operating license shall expire 2 years after the date of issuance. An operating license may be renewed before expiration upon payment of a renewal application fee specified in section 11512(8) if the licensee is in compliance with this part and the rules promulgated under this part.
- (3) The issuance of the operating license under this part empowers the department or a health officer or an authorized representative of a health officer to enter at any reasonable time, pursuant to law, in or upon private or public property licensed under this part for the purpose of inspecting or investigating conditions relating to the storage, processing, or disposal of any material.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the department shall not issue an operating license for a new disposal area within a planning area unless a solid waste management plan for that planning area has been approved

pursuant to sections 11536 and 11537 and unless the disposal area complies with and is consistent with the approved solid waste management plan. The department may issue an operating license for a disposal area designed to receive ashes produced in connection with the combustion of fossil fuels for electrical power generation in the absence of an approved county solid waste management plan, upon receipt of a letter of approval from whichever county or counties, group of municipalities, or regional planning agency has prepared or is preparing the county solid waste management plan for that planning area under section 11533 and from the municipality in which the disposal area is to be located.

(5) Issuance of an operating license by the department authorizes the licensee to accept waste for disposal in certified portions of the disposal area for which a bond was established under section 11523 and, for type II landfills, for which financial assurance was demonstrated under section 11523a. If the construction of a portion of a landfill licensed under this section is not complete at the time of license application, the owner or operator of the landfill shall submit a certification under the seal of a licensed professional engineer verifying that the construction of that portion of the landfill has proceeded according to the approved plans at least 60 days prior to the anticipated date of waste disposal in that portion of the landfill. If the department does not deny the certification within 60 days of receipt, the owner or operator may accept waste for disposal in the certified portion. In the case of a denial, the department shall, issue a written statement stating the reasons why the construction or certification is not consistent with this part or rules promulgated under this part or the approved plans.

Sec. 11517. (1) Within 9 months after the completion of construction of a municipal solid waste incinerator, the owner or operator of a municipal solid waste incinerator shall submit a plan to the department for a program that, to the extent practicable, reduces the incineration of noncombustible materials and dangerous combustible materials and their hazardous by-products at the incinerator. The department shall approve or disapprove the plan submitted under this subsection within 30 days after receiving it. In reviewing the plan, the department shall consider the current county solid waste management plan, available markets for separated materials, disposal alternatives for the separated materials, and collection practices for handling such separated materials. If the department disapproves a plan, the department shall notify the owner or operator submitting the plan of this fact, and shall provide modifications that, if included, would result in the plan's approval. If the department disapproves a plan, the owner or operator of a municipal solid waste incinerator shall within 30 days after receipt of the department's disapproval submit a revised plan that addresses all of the modifications provided by the department. The department shall approve or disapprove the revised plan within 30 days after receiving it, and approval of the revised plan shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(2) Not later than 6 months after the approval of the plan by the department under subsection (1), the owner or operator shall implement the plan in accordance with the implementation schedule set forth in the plan. The operation of a municipal solid waste incinerator without an approved plan under this section shall subject the owner or operator, or both, to all of the sanctions provided by this part.

Sec. 11519. (1) The department shall specify, in writing, the reasons for denial of a construction permit or an operating license, further specifying those particular sections of this part or rules promulgated under this part that may be violated by granting the application and the manner in which the violation may occur.

- (2) The health officer or department may issue a cease and desist order specifying a schedule of closure or remedial action in accordance with this part and rules promulgated under this part or may establish a consent agreement specifying a schedule of closure or remedial action in accordance with this part and rules promulgated under this part to a person who establishes, constructs, conducts, manages, maintains, or operates a disposal area without a permit or license or to a person who holds a permit or license but establishes, constructs, conducts, manages, maintains, or operates a disposal area contrary to an approved solid waste management plan or contrary to the permit or license issued under this part.
- (3) The department may issue a final order revoking, suspending, or restricting a permit or license after a contested case hearing as provided in the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, if the department finds that the disposal area is not being constructed or operated in accordance with the approved plans, the conditions of a permit or license, this part, or the rules promulgated under this part. A final order issued pursuant to this section is subject to judicial review as provided in Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969. The department or a health officer shall inspect and file a written report not less than 4 times per year for each licensed disposal area. The department or the health officer shall provide the municipality in which the licensed disposal area is located with a copy of each written inspection report if the municipality arranges with the department or the health officer to bear the expense of duplicating and mailing the reports.
- (4) The department may issue an order summarily suspending a permit or license if the department determines that a violation of this part or rules promulgated under this part has occurred which, in the department's opinion, constitutes an emergency or poses an imminent risk of injury to the public health or the environment. A determination that a violation poses an imminent risk of injury to the public health shall be made by the department. Summary suspension

may be ordered effective on the date specified in the order or upon service of a certified copy of the order on the licensee, whichever is later, and shall remain effective during the proceedings. The proceedings shall be commenced within 7 days of the issuance of the order and shall be promptly determined.

Sec. 11525a. (1) A solid waste program administration fee is imposed upon the owners or operators of landfills in the state. The annual cumulative total amount of this fee shall be \$1,040,000.00 as this amount is annually adjusted for inflation beginning in 1997 using the Detroit consumer price index. As used in this section, "Detroit consumer price index" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for the Detroit area from the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics.

- (2) The department shall apportion the cumulative solid waste program administration fee among the operating landfills in the state. The apportionment shall be made on the basis of each landfill's pro rata share of the cumulative total of amounts maintained in individual perpetual care funds in the state.
- (3) Within 30 days following the close of each state fiscal year, the owner or operator of a landfill shall report to the department the total amount of assets in its perpetual care fund. The department shall determine the cumulative total amount of perpetual care funds in the state but shall not credit any individual landfill more than the maximum required fund amount established in section 11525(2). The department shall determine each landfill's pro rata share of perpetual care fund contributions using this amount.
- (4) Within 60 days following the close of each state fiscal year, the department shall notify the owner or operator of each landfill of its assessed share of the solid waste program administration fee. Within 90 days following the close of the state fiscal year, the owner or operator of a landfill shall pay his or her assessed share of the solid waste program administration fee.
- (5) Fees collected under this section shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the solid waste staff account of the solid waste management fund established in section 11550.

Sec. 11525b. (1) The owner or operator of a disposal area shall provide continuous financial assurance coverage until released from these requirements by the department under the provisions of this part.

(2) The owner or operator of a landfill who has completed postclosure maintenance and monitoring of the landfill in accordance with this part, rules promulgated under this part, and approved postclosure plan may request that financial assurance required by sections 11523 and 11523a be terminated. A person requesting termination of bonding and financial assurance shall submit to the department a statement that the landfill has been monitored and maintained in accordance with this part, rules promulgated under this part, and approved postclosure plan for the postclosure period specified in section 11523 and shall certify that the landfill is not subject to corrective action under section 11515. Within 60 days of receiving a statement under this subsection, the department shall perform a consistency review of the submitted statement, and if approved, shall notify the owner or operator that he or she is no longer required to maintain financial assurance, shall return or release all financial assurance mechanisms, and shall notify the custodian of the perpetual care fund that money from the fund shall be disbursed as provided in section 11525(10). The department shall provide within 60 days the owner or operator with a detailed written statement of the reasons why the department has determined that postclosure maintenance and monitoring and corrective action, if any, have not been conducted in accordance with this part, the rules promulgated under this part, or an approved postclosure plan.

Sec. 11529. (1) A disposal area that is a solid waste transfer facility is not subject to the construction permit and operating license requirements of this part if either of the following circumstances exists:

- (a) The solid waste transfer facility is not designed to accept wastes from vehicles with mechanical compaction devices.
 - (b) The solid waste transfer facility accepts less than 200 uncompacted cubic yards per day.
- (2) A solid waste transfer facility that is exempt from the construction permit and operating license requirements of this part under subsection (1) shall comply with the operating requirements of this part and the rules promulgated under this part.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (5), a disposal area that is an incinerator may, but is not required to, comply with the construction permit and operating license requirements of this part if both of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The operation of the incinerator does not result in the exposure of any solid waste to the atmosphere and the elements.
 - (b) The incinerator has a permit issued under part 55.
- (4) A disposal area that is an incinerator that does not comply with the construction permit and operating license requirements of this part as permitted in subsection (3) is subject to the planning provisions of this part and must be included in the county solid waste management plan for the county in which the incinerator is located.

- (5) A disposal area that is a municipal solid waste incinerator that is designed to burn at a temperature in excess of 2500 degrees Fahrenheit is not subject to the construction permit requirements of this part.
- Sec. 11541. (1) The state solid waste management plan shall consist of the state solid waste plan and all county plans approved or prepared by the department.
- (2) The department shall consult and assist in the preparation and implementation of the county solid waste management plans.
- (3) The department may undertake or contract for studies or reports necessary or useful in the preparation of the state solid waste management plan.
- (4) The department shall promote policies that encourage resource recovery and establishment of waste-to-energy facilities.
- Sec. 11550. (1) The solid waste management fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.
- (2) Money in the solid waste management fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.
- (3) The state treasurer shall establish, within the solid waste management fund, a solid waste staff account and a perpetual care account.
 - (4) Money shall be expended from the solid waste staff account, upon appropriation, only for the following purposes:
- (a) Preparing generally applicable guidance regarding the solid waste permit and license program or its implementation or enforcement.
- (b) Reviewing and acting on any application for a permit or license, permit or license revision, or permit or license renewal, including the cost of public notice and public hearings.
 - (c) Performing an advisory analysis under section 11510(1).
- (d) General administrative costs of running the permit and license program, including permit and license tracking and data entry.
 - (e) Inspection of licensed disposal areas and open dumps.
 - (f) Implementing and enforcing the conditions of any permit or license.
 - (g) Groundwater monitoring audits at disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part.
- (h) Reviewing and acting upon corrective action plans for disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part.
 - (i) Review of certifications of closure.
 - (j) Postclosure maintenance and monitoring inspections and review.
- (k) Review of bonds and financial assurance documentation at disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part.
- (5) Money shall be expended from the perpetual care account only for the purpose of conducting the following activities at disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part:
- (a) Postclosure maintenance and monitoring at a disposal area where the owner or operator is no longer required to do so.
- (b) To conduct closure, or postclosure maintenance and monitoring and corrective action if necessary, at a disposal area where the owner or operator has failed to do so. Money shall be expended from the account only after funds from any perpetual care fund or other financial assurance mechanisms held by the owner or operator have been expended and the department has used reasonable efforts to obtain funding from other sources.

Sec. 20115b. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, if a release at a disposal area licensed under part 115 is solely a release from that disposal area and the release is discovered through the disposal area's hydrogeological monitoring plan, the response activities implemented at the disposal area shall be the corrective actions required under part 115. This section does not apply to releases from a disposal area after completion of the postclosure monitoring period of the disposal area.

Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Section 3. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless House Bill No. 5867 of the 88th Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.	
	Secretary of the Senate.
	Clerk of the House of Representatives.
Approved	
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Governor.	

