

SENATE BILL NO. 1015

March 17, 1998, Introduced by Senator YOUNG and referred
to the Committee on Health Policy and Senior Citizens.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 13811 (MCL 333.13811), as added by 1990 PA
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 13811. A producing facility shall store, decontami-
2 nate, and dispose of medical waste pursuant to the following:

3 (a) Cultures and stocks of material contaminated with an
4 infectious agent shall be stored in closed, puncture-resistant
5 containers, decontaminated, ~~by autoclaving or incineration,~~ and
6 disposed of in a ~~sanitary landfill~~ MANNER APPROVED BY THE
7 DEPARTMENT.

8 (b) Blood and blood products and body fluids shall be
9 disposed of by 1 or more of the following methods:

- 1 (i) Flushing down a sanitary sewer.
- 2 (ii) Decontaminating by autoclaving or incineration.
- 3 (iii) Solidifying.
- 4 (iv) If not in liquid form, transferring to a sanitary
- 5 landfill.
- 6 (v) A process approved by the department.
- 7 (c) Pathological waste shall be disposed of by 1 or more of
- 8 the following methods:
- 9 (i) Incineration or cremation.
- 10 (ii) Grinding and flushing into a sanitary sewer.
- 11 (iii) Burial in a cemetery, if transported in leakproof con-
- 12 tainers of sufficient integrity to prevent rupture.
- 13 (iv) Grinding until rendered unrecognizable, stored in
- 14 closed, puncture-resistant, properly labeled containers, and, if
- 15 not in liquid form, disposed of in a sanitary landfill.
- 16 (v) A process approved by the department.
- 17 (d) Sharps shall be disposed of by 1 of the following
- 18 methods:
- 19 (i) Placement in rigid, puncture-resistant containers that
- 20 are appropriately labeled and transported to a sanitary landfill
- 21 in a manner that retains the integrity of the container.
- 22 (ii) Incineration or decontamination and grinding that
- 23 renders the objects unrecognizable ~~— Ground sharps shall be~~
- 24 ~~placed in a sealed, rupture-resistant container and transported~~
- 25 AND TRANSPORTATION to a sanitary landfill.
- 26 (iii) A process approved by the department.

1 (e) Animal waste contaminated with organisms infectious to
2 humans shall be disposed of by incineration or by burial in a
3 sanitary landfill in properly labeled, double containers that are
4 leakproof and puncture-resistant and are tightly sealed to pre-
5 vent escape of fluids or material. Contaminated animal organs
6 disposed of separately shall be rendered unrecognizable.