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Senate Bill 498 (Substitute S-6 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 115 (Solid Waste Management) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit a person from knowingly delivering to a landfill for disposal, and to prohibit a landfill owner or operator from knowingly permitting the disposal in a landfill of, any of the following:

- Medical waste (as currently prohibited).
- A beverage container.
- A whole motor vehicle tire.
- Yard clippings, unless diseased or infested.

The bill also would prohibit a person from delivering to a landfill for disposal, and prohibit a landfill owner or operator from permitting disposal in the landfill of, any of the following: used oil; a lead acid battery; low-level radioactive waste; regulated hazardous waste; liquid waste; sewage; PCBs; or asbestos waste unless the landfill complied with Federal regulations.

The bill would delete a provision that prohibits the owner or operator of a landfill or municipal solid waste incinerator from accepting solid waste if the owner or operator knows or should know that the solid waste includes yard clippings that are generated and/or collected on land that is owned by a county, municipality, or State facility.

The bill would require the State to develop policies and practices that would promote recycling and reuse of materials and, to the extent practical, minimize the use of landfilling as a method for disposal of its waste.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 98, 497, 500, 502, and 505. Those bills, respectively, would establish criteria for the acceptance of out-of-State waste in a landfill; define "beverage container"; increase fines and add new fines for violations of Part 115; require the DEQ to compile a list of jurisdictions from which waste could be accepted; and require the DEQ to post on its website a list of items banned from landfills and require solid waste haulers to notify their customers of these items.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no direct fiscal impact on State or local government.

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