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Senate Bill 502 (Substitute S-3 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Nancy Cassis
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 require the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), by October 1, 2004, to compile a list of countries, states, provinces, and local jurisdictions that prohibit from disposal in a landfill the items prohibited under Section 11514 or that prevent the disposal of those items through enforceable solid waste disposal requirements. The DEQ would have to prepare and give a copy of the list to each landfill in Michigan.

Also, by October 1, 2004, the DEQ would have to notify each state, the country of Canada, and each province in Canada that landfills in Michigan would not accept for disposal solid waste that did not comply with Section 11526a (which would establish criteria for the acceptance of out-of-State solid waste, under Senate Bill 98).

The DEQ would be required to include a country, state, province, or local jurisdiction on its list if the country, state, province, or local jurisdiction gave the Department documentation that it prohibited the disposal in a landfill of the items banned under Section 11514, or prevented their disposal through enforceable solid waste disposal requirements. This documentation could include copies of all pertinent statutes, administrative regulations, and ordinances.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 98 as well as Senate Bills 497, 498, 500, and 505. Those bills would, respectively, define "beverage container"; prohibit the disposal of beverage containers and whole tires in landfills (under Section 11514); increase fines and add new fines for violations of Part 115; 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 those items.

Proposed MCL 324.11526b

Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would cost the State an indeterminate amount. It would add administrative responsibilities for the Department of Environmental Quality. Qualified staff would need to process documentation from jurisdictions for inclusion on the list of qualified solid waste origins, as well as research and verify the solid waste disposal requirements of out-of-state jurisdictions in order to include them on the list of jurisdictions from which solid waste could be accepted.

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