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740 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGRICULTURAL USAGE OF TANNERY SLUDGE McGowan OTP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD1662 (P&S 1983, c. 56)

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies the responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection and the Department of Environmental Protection in the conduct of a 3 year demonstration project to determine the feasibility of land application of tannery sludge. The bill also provides a General Fund appropriation for the project and an emergency preamble so that the project can begin this field season.

756 AN ACT CONCERNED WITH THE THERMAL TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE Scarpino ONTP

770 AN ACT RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND THE HAZARDS OF EXPOSURE TO TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES Michael OTP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD 1735 (PL 1983 c. 568)

SUMMARY: This bill expands the definition of toxic and hazardous substances regulated in the work place. It authorizes the Bureau of Labor Standards to adopt rules identifying hazardous substances and other rules implementing the chapter.

The bill requires manufacturers of hazardous substances to provide purchasers with material safety data sheets describing the health hazards of the substances. Employers must post these safety sheets in the workplace, conduct training programs during regular working hours on these hazardous substances and maintain records of the training programs. Provisions are incorporated for the protection of trade secrets.

The Bureau of Labor Standards will administer the chemical substance identification program, while the Board of Pesticides Control has primary administrative and enforcement authority for substances it currently regulates.

779 AN ACT TO REQUIRE REVIEW OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION Mitchell, J OTP-ND

Enacted in new draft as LD 1611 (PL 1983 c. 369)

SUMMARY: This bill requires that the Land Use Regulation Commission be notified within 21 days of any road construction and its location.