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L.D. 1457

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1046, L.D. 1457, Bill, "An Act Concerning Solid Waste Management"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'38 MRSA §1310-F, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 517, §25, is amended to read:

2. Eligibility. Any municipality owning a solid waste landfill for which a remediation or closure plan has been adopted is eligible for grants. A municipality, which has acted to close its solid waste landfill or to remedy environmental and public health hazards posed by the landfill prior to the award of a grant under this section, but after January 1, 1983, is also eligible for reimbursement of past and future costs consistent with the plan adopted under this subchapter. Any interest paid by a municipality on a municipal bond issued to raise funds for remediation and closure activities during this period is a cost eligible for reimbursement under this section. The board may apportion shall use at least 1/3 of the available funds in an equitable manner between municipalities eligible for grants under this subsection and those for municipalities eligible for reimbursement of closure and remediation costs under this subsection until all those municipalities have been reimbursed.

FISCAL NOTE

It is anticipated that enactment of this bill would not result in additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill merely specifies how existing funds can be used.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment provides for a set-aside of at least 1/3 of landfill closure funds to reimburse municipalities which have already acted to clean up and close landfills. The amendment also ensures that interest paid by municipalities on municipal bonds issued to pay for clean-up and closure costs is an eligible cost under the reimbursement program. Finally, the amendment deletes provisions of the original bill pertaining to landfill design.

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