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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 967, L.D. 1394, Bill, "An Act to Improve Markets for Recycled Materials"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1812-C, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 585, Pt. C, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1812-C. Use of composted and recycled organic materials and reclaimed soil and residuals

1. Activities. All state agencies shall, to the maximum extent practical and consistent with sound environmental practices, use composted and recycled organic materials and reclaimed soil and residuals in the following activities:

A. All land maintenance activities that are paid for by public funds:

B. All construction activities that are paid for by public funds; and

C. All land maintenance and construction activities that are awarded through grant-in-aid-programs to municipalities.

2. Standards. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall develop standards for fertilizers and soil conditioners made from different mixes of compostible wastes that could be used by state agencies involved in land preparation and improvement work. These standards must be adopted by rule by January 1, 1990.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

4 FISCAL NOTE

6 This bill requires the Department of Administration, Bureau
8 of Purchases to review procurement and bid procedures to ensure
that recycled materials are purchased to the extent possible.
10 This review can be absorbed within existing resources of the
Department of Administration. The bill also requires that all
12 state agencies use composted and recycled organic materials to
the extent possible. Any costs associated with the use of these
14 materials will be absorbed utilizing existing resources.'

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This amendment deletes the purchase preference by the State
20 for paper or paper products with recycled content that have not
been bleached with chlorine. It also deletes the provision that
22 would, in the event of a tie bid, award the bid to the material
containing the highest post-consumer content and the product that
24 has not been bleached.

26 The amendment also:

28 1. Extends the requirement to use composted materials to
all state agencies;

30 2. Includes the use in land maintenance activities of
32 composted and recycled organic materials and reclaimed soil and
residuals; and

34 3. Extends the requirement that those materials be used in
36 all construction activities paid for by public funds and all land
maintenance and construction activities that are awarded through
38 grant-in-aid programs to municipalities.

40 The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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