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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1622, L.D. 2285, Bill, "An Act Concerning Landfill Operation on Certain Islands and to Correct an Error in the Landfill Operation Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 3. Islands; report by department. By January 1, 1993, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and natural resource matters and to the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council on the status of municipal solid waste management and disposal systems on any island that is seeking to continue operating its municipal solid waste landfill after December 31, 1992. The report must summarize the information submitted to the department by the islands seeking to operate landfills beyond that closure deadline and may include recommendations to the committee to extend the closure deadline for specific island landfills. The department may recommend extending an island landfill closure deadline beyond December 31, 1992 if:

1. Continued operation of the landfill does not pose an immediate hazard to the public health or the environment, including, but not limited to, a threat to a public or private water supply; and

2. The island has demonstrated progress in identifying and implementing solid waste management options, including source reduction, reuse of waste, recycling of waste, composting, volume reduction and disposal.

For the purposes of this section, the term "island" means an island with year-round residents that is not connected to the mainland by a bridge, causeway or other structure providing passage to the island and that is not part of a mainland municipality.'

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

4 **FISCAL NOTE**

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8 Costs associated with preparing and submitting a report to
the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources can
be absorbed by the Department of Environmental Protection
10 utilizing existing budgeted resources. Providing a possible
extension for certain island landfill closures may increase
12 remediation and closing costs. The exact impact on the
Department of Environmental Protection's General Fund bond
14 program can not be determined at this time.'

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18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This amendment strikes section 3 of the bill and replaces it
with unallocated language directing the Department of
22 Environmental Protection to report to the Joint Standing
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by January 1, 1993 on
24 the status of municipal solid waste management on those islands
that seek an extension of the municipal solid waste landfill
26 closure deadlines. Under this amendment, the department may
recommend extensions for certain island landfills if it appears
28 to the department, based on information available to the
department at the time, that the landfill does not pose an
30 immediate hazard to the public health or the environment and that
the island has demonstrated progress with its solid waste
32 management efforts. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the
bill.

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