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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 435, L.D. 554, Bill, "An Act to Establish Mediation to More Efficiently and Fairly Enforce the State's Environmental Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Establish a Pilot Project to Mediate Certain Environmental Disputes'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Pilot project.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall undertake a pilot project to evaluate the use of mediation to assist in resolving disputes among numerous parties involving the cleanup of designated and undesignated uncontrolled hazardous waste sites and the allocation of clean-up expenses among responsible parties. The department may not mediate law enforcement matters without the approval of the Attorney General. The pilot project must be completed by June 1, 1996.

**Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall report the status of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters no later than January 1, 1996 and shall provide a final report evaluating the use of mediation no later than November 1, 1996.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

