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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1300, L.D. 1755, Bill, "An Act to Modify the End Disposal of Sharp Waste Products in the Biohazard Disposal Law"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph E (page 1, lines 5 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'E. The rules must provide transportation and disposal options for persons who generate fewer than 50 pounds of sharps per month that allow:

(1) The generator or an employee of the generator to transport properly packaged sharps to a licensed biomedical waste disposal facility or another medical facility that has volunteered to serve as a collection point for sharps if no more than 50 pounds of sharps are transported in one trip; and

(2) The generator to mail properly packaged sharps to a licensed biomedical waste disposal facility in this State or a facility in another state if the carrier accepts those items and no more than 50 pounds are transported in any single package.

For purposes of this paragraph, "sharps" means items that may cause puncture wounds or cuts, including hypodermic needles, syringes, scalpel blades, capillary tubes and lancets, and "properly packaged" means packaged in accordance with department rules and rules or requirements imposed by the mail carrier.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to biomedical waste. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment deletes a provision permitting a person who generates fewer than 50 pounds of sharps per month to designate any person as an agent of the generator to transport sharps to a disposal facility or to a collection point. The amendment also deletes provisions regulating which disposal facilities a person may send sharps to when mailing them out of State. Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.