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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 703, L.D. 967, Bill, "An Act to Expand Recycling through Reduced Burning"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 7 to 9 and inserting in their place the following:

**Sec. 7. Department of Environmental Protection to Study Backyard Burning.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall, within its existing budgeted resources, examine the following issues:

1. The extent of backyard burning in the State and a comparison of the extent of and issues involved with backyard burning in urban, suburban and rural areas;

2. The impact of cultural influences and economic incentives on backyard burning;

3. The impact of backyard burning on local air quality and the level of human exposure to pollutants. Existing data may be used to examine these issues;

4. The state solid waste management and recycling infrastructure and its impact on backyard burning, including existing disincentives to recycle or dispose of trash properly;

5. Alternative solid waste management strategies that may reduce backyard burning;

6. Where backyard burning should be prohibited or restricted; and



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SUMMARY

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This amendment requires the Department of Environmental  
Protection, rather than the task force, to conduct the study and  
changes the reporting date to January 1, 1998.

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