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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT *A* " to S.P. 256, L.D. 886, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Clean Government Initiative"

Amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "~~§343-H.~~" in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 2, lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'A. Establish a coordinated state government environmental plan to ensure that:

(1) All agencies comply with state and federal environmental laws; and

(2) Environmentally sustainable practices are incorporated into state government planning, operations and regulatory functions;'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "~~§343-H.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "goals" and inserting in its place the following: 'metrics'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "~~§343-H.~~" in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the third line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "goals" and inserting in its place the following: 'metrics'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
"§343-H." in subsection 2 in paragraph B by striking out all of
subparagraph (3) and inserting in its place the following:

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6 '(3) Procurement of environmentally friendly
commodities and services, as assessed on a life cycle
basis, including technically comparable, cost-effective
and reasonably available alternatives to products that
may release dioxin or mercury to the environment,
8 recycling of waste products and enhanced fleet
efficiency;'
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14 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
"§343-H." in subsection 2 in paragraph D in the 2nd and 3rd lines
(page 2, lines 27 and 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
16 "operation, management and"

18 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
"§343-H." in subsection 2 in paragraph E in the last line (page
20 2, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the goals of"

22 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
"§343-H." in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the first line (page
24 2, line 39 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Complete"
the following: 'or demonstrate completion of'
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28 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
"§343-H." in subsection 3 in paragraph D in the last line (page
3, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "that meet the
30 goals of" and inserting in its place the following: 'consistent
with'
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34 Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated
"§343-H." in subsection 4 in the 2nd line from the end (page 3,
line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the goals of"
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38 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

40 **·FISCAL NOTE**

42 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services and
the Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor
44 additional costs to administer and coordinate the Clean
Government Initiative. These costs can be absorbed within the
46 departments' existing budgeted resources.

48 All agencies and departments will incur some minor
additional costs to implement the Clean Government Initiative.
50 These costs can be absorbed within the agencies' existing
budgeted resources.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment makes technical changes to the bill. This
8 amendment clarifies that environmentally friendly procurement by
10 state agencies under the newly established Clean Government
12 Initiative includes alternatives to products that may release
14 dioxin or mercury to the environment. The amount and rate of
16 environmentally friendly purchasing remains at the discretion of
the state agencies. Only cost-effective alternatives that have
comparable technical performance and availability would be
considered. The amendment clarifies that "environmentally
friendly" means considering available information on the "life
cycle" impacts of a product through production, use and
disposal. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.