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H.P. 743

House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

An Act to Raise Funding to Support Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BELL of Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard
Beach, ZEIGLER of Montville.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2203-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 653, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Fees. Unless otherwise provided by rule adopted in accordance with subsection 3, fees are imposed in the following amounts to be levied for solid waste that is disposed of at commercial, municipal, state-owned and regional association landfills.

Asbestos	\$5 per cubic yard
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Oil-contaminated soil, gravel, brick, concrete and other aggregate	\$25 per ton
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Waste-water <u>Wastewater</u> facility sludge	\$5 per ton
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Ash, coal and oil	\$5 per ton
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Paper mill sludge	\$5 per ton
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Industrial waste	\$5 per ton
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Sandblast grit	\$5 per ton
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All other special waste	\$5 per ton
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Municipal solid waste or municipal solid waste ash \$2 \$7 per ton

Front end process residue (FEPR)	\$1 per ton
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Construction and demolition debris and residue from the processing of ~~\$2~~ \$7 per ton construction and demolition debris

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2203-A, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Support for municipal waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting.

Five dollars per ton of the fee imposed under subsection 1 for the disposal of municipal solid waste, municipal solid waste ash, construction and demolition debris and residue from the processing of construction and demolition debris must be distributed to municipalities to support the priorities under section 2101, subsection 1, paragraphs A, B, C and D.

SUMMARY

This bill increases from \$2 per ton to \$7 per ton the fee imposed on the disposal of municipal solid waste, municipal solid waste ash, construction and demolition debris and residue from the processing of construction and demolition debris. It also provides that \$5 per ton of that fee must be distributed to municipalities to support the solid waste management hierarchy priorities of reduction of waste generated at the source, reuse of waste, recycling of waste and composting of biodegradable waste.