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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(COMMITTEE REPORT) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2435	AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE TIME PERIODS FOR THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS	Hall	PL 1983, c. 779

SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2273 clarifies procedures for DEP to process license applications. Existing time limits are maintained: 20 working days for "license by rule", 60 for actions delegated to the Commissioner, and 105 for those requiring Board action. The time limits for small hydro projects under LURC or DEP are conformed, except that LURC has no authority for license by rule. Time limits may be waived at the request of the applicant.

2452	AN ACT TO REPLACE THE REGIONAL REFUSE DISTRICT ENABLING ACT	Kany	PL 1983, c. 820
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2155 replaces chapter 15 of Title 38 which was never used. The new draft gives municipalities the authority to form districts to finance, construct, own and operate resource recovery systems and other solid waste disposal facilities. Districts may also finance privately-owned facilities. The property of the district is tax exempt, but the land is taxable. And, the district may negotiate payments in lieu of taxes to the host community as well as pay service charges for police, fire and other public services.

2455	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS	Hall	PL 1983, c. 835
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2247. This new draft of LD 2247 retains present law, which allows DEP to identify hazardous air pollutants and to regulate their emissions. Those regulations are subject to legislative review. The new draft requires an inventory of sources, due Feb. 15, 1985. It also provides for review of the health risks by the Environmental Health Program at DHS, with peer review by a new Scientific Advisory Panel. As amended by SA (S-428), an appropriation is made of \$30,000 to DHS and \$49,000 to DEP.