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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 310, L.D. 401, Bill, “An Act To Preserve State Landfill Capacity and Promote Recycling”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. GG, §7 and affected by §70, is further amended to read:

**6. Commercial solid waste disposal facility.** "Commercial solid waste disposal facility" means a solid waste disposal facility except as follows:

A-2. A solid waste facility that is owned by a public waste disposal corporation under section 1304-B, subsection 5:

- (1) As long as the public waste disposal corporation controls the decisions regarding the type and source of waste that is accepted, handled, treated and disposed of at the facility; and
- (2) If the facility is a solid waste landfill, the facility accepts only waste ~~that is~~ generated within the State unless the commissioner finds that the acceptance of waste that is not waste generated within the State provides a substantial public benefit pursuant to section 1310-AA, subsection 1-A;

B-2. A solid waste facility that is owned by a municipality under section 1305:

- (1) As long as the municipality controls the decisions regarding the type and source of waste that is accepted, handled, treated and disposed of at the facility; and
- (2) If the facility is a solid waste landfill, the facility accepts only waste ~~that is~~ generated within the State unless:
  - (a) The commissioner finds that the acceptance of waste that is not waste generated within the State provides a substantial public benefit pursuant to section 1310-AA, subsection 1-A; and

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1 (b) Acceptance of waste that is not waste generated within the State is  
2 approved by a majority of the voters of the municipality by referendum  
3 election;

4 C-2. A solid waste facility that is owned by a refuse disposal district under chapter  
5 17:

6 (1) As long as the refuse disposal district controls the decisions regarding the  
7 type and source of waste that is accepted, handled, treated and disposed of at the  
8 facility; and

9 (2) If the facility is a solid waste landfill, the facility accepts only waste ~~that is~~  
10 generated within the State unless the commissioner finds that the acceptance of  
11 waste that is not waste generated within the State provides a substantial public  
12 benefit pursuant to section 1310-AA, subsection 1-A;

13 D. Beginning January 1, 2007, a solid waste facility owned and controlled by the  
14 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services  
15 under chapter 24;

16 E. A solid waste facility owned and controlled by a single entity that:

17 (1) Generates at least 85% of the solid waste disposed of at a facility, except that  
18 the facility may accept from other sources, on a nonprofit basis, an amount of  
19 solid waste that is no more than 15% of all solid waste accepted on an annual  
20 basis; or

21 (2) Is an owner of a manufacturing facility that has, since January 1, 2006,  
22 generated at least 85% of the solid waste disposed of at the solid waste facility,  
23 except that one or more integrated industrial processes of the manufacturing  
24 facility are no longer in common ownership, and those integrated industrial  
25 processes will continue to generate waste that will continue to be disposed of at  
26 the solid waste facility. This exemption only applies if the source and type of  
27 waste disposed of at the solid waste facility remains the same as that previously  
28 disposed of by the single entity.

29 For the purposes of this paragraph, "single entity" means an individual, partnership,  
30 corporation or limited liability corporation that is not engaged primarily in the  
31 business of treating or disposing of solid waste or special waste. This paragraph does  
32 not apply if an individual partner, shareholder, member or other ownership interest in  
33 the single entity disposes of waste in the solid waste facility. A waste facility  
34 receiving ash resulting from the combustion of municipal solid waste or refuse-  
35 derived fuel is not exempt from this subsection solely by operation of this paragraph.

36 For purposes of this paragraph, "integrated industrial processes" means  
37 manufacturing processes, equipment or components, including, but not limited to,  
38 energy generating facilities, that when used in combination produce one or more  
39 manufactured products for sale; or

40 F. A private corporation that accepts material-separated, refuse-derived fuel as a  
41 supplemental fuel and does not burn waste other than its own.

1 ~~For purposes of this subsection, "waste that is generated within the State" includes~~  
2 ~~residue and bypass generated by incineration, processing and recycling facilities within~~  
3 ~~the State or waste whether generated within the State or outside of the State if it is used~~  
4 ~~for daily cover, frost protection or stability or is generated within 30 miles of the solid~~  
5 ~~waste disposal facility.~~

6 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§22-A** is enacted to read:

7 **22-A. Recycling facility.** "Recycling facility" means a facility engaged exclusively  
8 in the recycling of materials.

9 **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§40-A** is enacted to read:

10 **40-A. Waste generated within the State.** "Waste generated within the State"  
11 means:

12 A. Waste initially generated within the State;

13 B. Residue generated by an incineration facility or a recycling facility that is located  
14 within the State, regardless of whether the waste incinerated or processed by that  
15 facility was initially generated within the State or outside the State;

16 C. Residue generated by a solid waste processing facility that is located within the  
17 State, regardless of whether the waste processed by that facility was initially  
18 generated within the State or outside the State, as long as:

19 (1) The residue is used at a solid waste landfill for daily cover, frost protection or  
20 other operational or engineering-related purpose, including, but not limited to,  
21 landfill shaping or grading, and such use has been approved by the department  
22 under the landfill's license and such use complies with all applicable rules of the  
23 department and all applicable conditions of the landfill's license; and

24 (2) The use of the residue under subparagraph (1) complies with the  
25 requirements of section 1310-N, subsection 5-A, paragraph B, subparagraph (2);

26 D. Residue generated by a solid waste processing facility that is located within the  
27 State, regardless of whether the waste processed by that facility was initially  
28 generated within the State or outside the State, as long as:

29 (1) The residue does not meet the requirements of paragraph C; and

30 (2) The residue is generated by the facility only as an ancillary result of the  
31 facility's processing operations; and

32 E. Residue generated by a solid waste processing facility that is located within the  
33 State, regardless of whether the waste processed by that facility was initially  
34 generated within the State or outside the State, as long as:

35 (1) The residue does not meet the requirements of paragraph C or D;

36 (2) The residue is not considered recycled under section 1310-N, subsection 5-A,  
37 paragraph B, subparagraph (2) and is disposed of at a solid waste landfill; and

38 (3) The solid waste processing facility is in compliance with the requirements of  
39 section 1310-N, subsection 5-A, paragraph B, subparagraph (2).

1           **Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§5-A, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 412, Pt.  
2 A, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

3           (2) A solid waste processing facility that generates residue requiring disposal  
4 shall recycle or process into fuel for combustion all waste accepted at the facility  
5 to the maximum extent practicable, but in no case at a rate less than 50%. For  
6 purposes of this subsection, "recycle" includes, but is not limited to, ~~reuse of~~  
7 ~~waste as shaping, grading or alternative daily cover materials at landfills;~~  
8 ~~aggregate material in construction; and boiler fuel substitutes~~ the reuse of waste  
9 generated within the State as defined in section 1303-C, subsection 40-A,  
10 paragraph C; the recovery of metals from waste; the use of waste or waste-  
11 derived product as material substitutes in construction; and the use of waste as  
12 boiler fuel substitutes.

13           At least 50% of the waste that a solid waste processing facility characterizes as  
14 recycled under this subparagraph must have been reused or recycled by the  
15 facility through methods other than placement of the waste in a solid waste  
16 landfill, except that a solid waste processing facility that was in operation during  
17 calendar year 2018, that accepts exclusively construction and demolition debris  
18 and that accepted more than 200,000 tons of such debris in calendar year 2018  
19 shall:

20           (a) Reuse or recycle at least 15% of such debris through methods other than  
21 placement in a solid waste landfill by January 1, 2022; and

22           (b) Reuse or recycle at least 20% of such debris through methods other than  
23 placement in a solid waste landfill by January 1, 2023.

24           A solid waste processing facility that was in operation during calendar year 2018,  
25 that accepts exclusively construction and demolition debris and that accepted  
26 more than 200,000 tons of such debris in calendar year 2018 may request and the  
27 department may grant a waiver of the applicable provisions of this subparagraph  
28 for a specified period of time if the facility is able to demonstrate that compliance  
29 with the applicable provisions of this subparagraph would result in an  
30 unreasonable adverse impact on the facility. The demonstration may include  
31 results of a 3rd-party audit of the facility. In determining whether to grant such a  
32 waiver request, the department may consider trends in local, regional, national  
33 and international markets; the availability and cost of technologies and services;  
34 transportation and handling logistics; and overall costs that may be associated  
35 with various waste handling methods.

36           **Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 414, §3, is  
37 amended to read:

38           **11. Waste generated within the State.** Consistent with the Legislature's findings in  
39 section 1302, a solid waste disposal facility owned by the State may not be licensed to  
40 accept waste that is not waste generated within the State. ~~For purposes of this subsection,~~  
41 ~~"waste generated within the State" includes residue and bypass generated by incineration,~~  
42 ~~processing and recycling facilities within the State or waste, whether generated within the~~

1 ~~State or outside of the State, if it is used for daily cover, frost protection or stability or is~~  
2 ~~generated within 30 miles of the solid waste disposal facility.~~

3 **Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §1310-AA, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 566, §2, is  
4 further amended to read:

5 **1-A. Public benefit determination for acceptance by publicly owned solid waste**  
6 **landfills of waste generated out of state.** Prior to accepting waste that is not waste  
7 generated within the State, a solid waste facility that is subject to this subsection shall  
8 apply to the commissioner for a determination of whether the acceptance of the waste  
9 provides a substantial public benefit.

10 A. A facility is subject to this subsection if the facility is a solid waste landfill that is  
11 not a commercial solid waste disposal facility pursuant to:

12 (1) Section 1303-C, subsection 6, paragraph A-2;

13 (2) Section 1303-C, subsection 6, paragraph B-2; or

14 (3) Section 1303-C, subsection 6, paragraph C-2.

15 B. A facility that is subject to this subsection may not accept waste that is not waste  
16 generated within the State unless the commissioner determines that the acceptance of  
17 the waste provides a substantial public benefit.

18 C. The commissioner shall make the determination of public benefit in accordance  
19 with subsections 2 and 3.

20 ~~D. For purposes of this subsection, "waste that is generated within the State" includes~~  
21 ~~residue and bypass generated by incineration, processing and recycling facilities~~  
22 ~~within the State; waste whether generated within the State or outside of the State used~~  
23 ~~for daily cover, frost protection or stability in accordance with all applicable rules and~~  
24 ~~licenses; and waste generated within 30 miles of the solid waste disposal facility.~~

25 **Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §1310-AA, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 566, §3, is  
26 further amended to read:

27 **2. Process.** Determinations by the commissioner under this section are not subject to  
28 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4. The applicant shall provide public notice of the filing  
29 of an application under this section in accordance with department rules. The department  
30 shall accept written public comment during the course of processing the application. In  
31 making the determination of whether the facility under subsection 1 or the acceptance of  
32 waste that is not waste generated within the State under subsection 1-A provides a  
33 substantial public benefit, the commissioner shall consider the state plan, written  
34 information submitted in support of the application and any other written information the  
35 commissioner considers relevant. The commissioner shall hold a public meeting in the  
36 vicinity of the proposed facility under subsection 1 or the solid waste landfill under  
37 subsection 1-A to take public comments and shall consider those comments in making the  
38 determination. The commissioner shall issue a decision on the matter within 60 days of  
39 receipt of the application. The commissioner's decisions under this section may be  
40 appealed to the board, but the board is not authorized to assume jurisdiction of a decision  
41 under this section.



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1 provisions applicable to certain solid waste processing facilities that process exclusively  
2 construction and demolition debris.