

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 869

2020 Regular Session

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ENVIRONMENT/SOLID WASTE: Provides relative to requirements for permitting a solid waste incineration facility

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Require a public hearing on environmental assessments.
2. Restore present law requirement to notify legislators.
3. Restore present law requirement for DEQ to promulgate rules but removes 180-day time period for that promulgation.
4. Require placement of the EAS in a designated public building where the facility is located.
5. Authorize the secretary to issue a permit for medical waste facilities only in parishes with a population less than 50,000 according to the latest decennial census.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires the Dept. of Environmental Quality to conduct hearings on environmental assessment statements (EAS). Simultaneously with the submission of the statement to the department, requires the applicant to submit copies of the EAS to the local governmental authority or the designated public library.

Proposed law requires placement of the EAS in a designated public building where the facility is located.

Present law, relative to solid waste permits, prohibits the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality from issuing any permit or promulgating any regulation that would allow the operation of a medical waste incinerator disposal facility until authorized by law. Grandfathers facilities with permits or applications prior to July 1, 1990. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires notification to legislators in the area of the site facility prior to issuance of a permit. Proposed law retains present law. Present law requires the department to promulgate regulations within 180 days after being authorized to do so. Proposed law removes the 180-day time period.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to issue a permit for medical waste facilities only in parishes with a population less than 50,000 according to the latest decennial census.

Present law provides for the secretary's authority to permit commercial hazardous waste incineration facilities. Present law exempts medical waste incinerators from that authority. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 30:2011(D)(24)(e), 2018(C), and 2154(C); Repeals R.S. 30:2180(D)(4))