

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. THOMAS, LAUDADIO, GRIECO, GREEN,
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MR. VALICENTI, FEBRUARY 26, 1975

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 12, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.788, No.241), entitled
2 "An act providing for the planning and regulation of solid
3 waste storage; collection, transportation, processing and
4 disposal systems; requiring municipalities to submit plans
5 for solid waste management systems in their jurisdiction;
6 authorizing grants to municipalities; requiring permits for
7 operating processing or disposal systems; imposing duties on
8 and granting powers to municipalities; authorizing the
9 Department of Health to adopt rules, regulations, standards
10 and procedures; creating an advisory committee; providing
11 remedies, prescribing penalties, and making an
12 appropriation," providing for alternative plans for solid
13 waste disposal.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 2, act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.788,
17 No.241), known as the "Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act,"
18 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

19 Section 2. Legislative Finding; Declaration of Policy.* * *

20 With respect to the disposal of solid wastes in sanitary
21 landfills, it is further determined and declared that since new

1 technology exists to make more efficient, economical and
2 beneficial use of solid wastes through resource recovery systems
3 and since such systems enhance the environment by making use of
4 solid wastes, the development of such systems shall be
5 encouraged and utilized whenever possible to dispose of solid
6 wastes.

7 Section 2. Section 6 of the act is amended by adding a
8 clause to read:

9 Section 6. Powers and Duties of the Department.--The
10 department shall have the power and its duty shall be to:

11 * * *

12 (11) Require municipalities OR AUTHORITIES to submit <—
13 alternative plans, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH MUST BE FOR A RESOURCE <—
14 RECOVERY SYSTEM, for solid waste disposal and after review of
15 such ~~plan~~ PLANS, to adopt and approve the alternative plan that <—
16 is least detrimental to the environment consistent with
17 reasonable costs but not necessarily the least costly
18 alternative plan.