

Amendment to SB 591

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Solid Waste Disposal Reduction Goal. Amend RSA 149-M:2 to read as follows:

4 149-M:2 ***Solid Waste Disposal*** Reduction Goal.

5 I. The general court declares its concern that there are environmental and economic issues
6 pertaining to the disposal of solid waste in landfills and incinerators. It is important to reserve
7 landfill and incinerator capacity for solid wastes which cannot be reduced, reused, recycled or
8 composted. ~~[The general court declares that the goal of the state, by the year 2000, is to achieve a 40~~
9 ~~percent minimum weight diversion of solid waste landfilled or incinerated on a per capita basis.~~
10 ~~Diversion shall be measured with respect to changes in waste generated and subsequently landfilled~~
11 ~~or incinerated in New Hampshire. The goal of weight diversion may be achieved through source~~
12 ~~reduction, recycling, reuse, and composting, or any combination of such methods.]~~ The general court
13 discourages the disposal of recyclable materials in landfills or processing of recyclable materials in
14 incinerators.

15 II. ~~[In exercising any and all powers conferred upon the department under this chapter, the~~
16 ~~department shall use and consider criteria relevant to the waste reduction goal and disposal~~
17 ~~hierarchy established in RSA 149-M:2 and 149-M:3. The department shall not take any action~~
18 ~~relative to the 40 percent weight reduction goal which causes the municipalities organized under~~
19 ~~RSA 53-A and 1986, 139 or RSA 53-B to violate or incur penalties under legal obligations existing on~~
20 ~~June 26, 1990.]~~ ***The general court further declares a goal to reduce the quantity by weight of***
21 ***solid waste disposed in landfills and incinerators by 25 percent by the year 2030, and by 45***
22 ***percent by the year 2050. For the purposes of this goal, disposal reduction targets shall***
23 ***apply, on a combined basis, to disposal of municipal solid waste and construction and***
24 ***demolition debris, and shall be measured against baseline quantities of these wastes***
25 ***disposed of in the year 2018. For the purposes of this goal only, municipal solid waste***
26 ***means solid waste generated at residences, commercial or industrial establishments, and***
27 ***institutions, but excludes automobile scrap and other motor vehicle waste, infectious***
28 ***waste, asbestos waste, contaminated soil and other absorbent media, sludge, industrial***
29 ***process waste, and ash other than ash from household stoves. Disposal reduction may be***
30 ***achieved through source reduction as well as diversion including but not limited to reuse,***
31 ***recycling, and composting.***

1 **III. In exercising any and all powers conferred upon the department under this**
2 **chapter, the department shall use and consider criteria relevant to the disposal reduction**
3 **goal and solid waste management hierarchy established in this section and RSA 149-M:3.**
4 **The department shall not take any action relative to the reduction goal which causes the**
5 **municipalities organized under RSA 53-A and 1986, 139 or RSA 53-B to violate or incur**
6 **penalties under legal obligations existing on June 26, 1990.**

7 2 State Solid Waste Disposal Reduction Goal. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 149-
8 M:29, II to read as follows:

9 II. ~~[At least every]~~ **Beginning** October 1, **2022** ~~[of every odd-numbered]~~ **and every even-**
10 **numbered** year **thereafter**, the department shall prepare a report on the level of achievement in
11 reaching the ~~[40 percent diversion]~~ goal established in RSA 149-M:2 and on proposed strategies for
12 achieving the goal and any proposed changes to the goal. The report shall contain information
13 regarding:

14 3 State Solid Waste Plan. Amend RSA 149-M:29, I to read as follows:

15 I. Beginning October 1, ~~[1998]~~ **2021**, and every ~~[6]~~ **10** years thereafter, the department shall
16 update the state's solid waste plan, **which shall contain, at minimum, the following elements:**

17 **(a) Goals and strategies for solid waste management in New Hampshire that**
18 **are consistent with the provisions of this chapter.**

19 **(b) Discussion of opportunities to reduce solid waste generation through source**
20 **reduction and increase diversion through methods such as recycling and composting.**

21 **(c) Discussion of actions necessary to maintain adequate capacity for**
22 **management of solid waste generated in New Hampshire.**

23 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a statewide solid waste disposal reduction goal.

This bill also revises requirements relative to the state solid waste plan.