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BAN CATHODE RAY TUBE DISPOSAL IN LANDFILLS & INCINERATORS

House Bills 4296 and 4297

Sponsor: Rep. Chris Kolb

Committee: Land Use and Environment

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4296 AND 4297 AS INTRODUCED 2-27-03

House Bills 4296 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.11514) to specify that beginning January 1, 2006, a person would be prohibited from knowingly disposing of (or permitting disposal of) a cathode ray tube (including a television or computer monitor containing a cathode ray tube) in a landfill. Further, the bill specifies that not later than January 1, 2004, the Department of Environmental Quality would have to convene a task force made up of representatives of manufacturers of electronic equipment, environmental organizations, retail businesses that handle electronic equipment, members of the general public, and other interested people. Finally, the bill specifies that not later than June 1, 2005, the members of the taskforce would have to provide the legislature with a report on the adequacy of regulatory programs related to the disposal of electronic waste, and in particular electronic waste containing cathode ray tubes.

House Bill 4297 also proposes to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.5502a), in order to prohibit a person from knowingly disposing of (or permitting disposal of) a cathode ray tube (including a television or computer monitor containing a cathode ray tube), in a municipal solid waste incinerator.

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