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Senate Bill 2 (Substitute S-3 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Ron Jelinek
Committee: Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 239 of 1982 (which regulates the disposal of dead animals and other matters) to do the following:

- Provide for the disposal of dead animals by "active composting methods" rather than by processing at a "composting structure".
- Require the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) to promulgate rules on particular subjects related to active composting, including: methodology, recommended conditions, control of pests and odors, records, and annual nutrient content analysis.
- Allow the MDA Director to inspect each location where active composting of dead animals occurred.
- Provide that dead animals resulting from normal natural daily mortality intrinsic to an animal operation under common ownership or management could be composted together if the methods complied with the Act's requirements and applicable rules.
- Specify that active composting methods could be used to compost only the normal natural daily mortality associated with an animal production unit under common ownership or management; and any dead animals resulting from an increase in normal natural daily mortality could not be composted without the Director's permission.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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