

HOUSE BILL No. 5646

February 7, 2006, Introduced by Reps. Huizenga, Nitz, Gosselin, Wenke, Vander Veen, Taub, Hoogendyk, Brandenburg, Meyer, Pearce, Drolet, Baxter, Emmons, Steil, Moolenaar, Pavlov, Hildenbrand, Green and Stahl and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 13807 (MCL 333.13807), as added by 1990 PA 21.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 13807. (1) "Pathogen" means a microorganism that produces
2 disease.

3 (2) "Pathological waste" means human organs, tissues, body
4 parts other than teeth, products of conception, and fluids removed
5 by trauma or during surgery or autopsy or other medical procedure,
6 and not fixed in formaldehyde.

7 (3) "Point of generation" means the point at which medical
8 waste leaves the producing facility site.

9 (4) "Producing facility" means a facility that generates,
10 stores, decontaminates, or incinerates medical waste.

1 (5) "PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION" MEANS ANY TISSUES OR FLUIDS,
2 PLACENTA, UMBILICAL CORD, OR OTHER UTERINE CONTENTS RESULTING FROM
3 A PREGNANCY. PRODUCTS OF CONCEPTION DO NOT INCLUDE A FETUS OR FETAL
4 BODY PARTS.

5 (6) ~~-(5)-~~ "Release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping,
6 pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping,
7 leaching, dumping, or disposing of medical waste into the
8 environment in violation of this part.

9 (7) ~~-(6)-~~ "Response activity" means an activity necessary to
10 protect the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment,
11 and includes, but is not limited to, evaluation, cleanup, removal,
12 containment, isolation, treatment, monitoring, maintenance,
13 replacement of water supplies, and temporary relocation of people.

14 (8) ~~-(7)-~~ "Sharps" means needles, syringes, scalpels, and
15 intravenous tubing with needles attached.

16 (9) ~~-(8)-~~ "Storage" means the containment of medical waste in
17 a manner that does not constitute disposal of the medical waste.

18 (10) ~~-(9)-~~ "Transport" means the movement of medical waste
19 from the point of generation to any intermediate point and finally
20 to the point of treatment or disposal. Transport does not include
21 the movement of medical waste from a health facility or agency to
22 another health facility or agency for the purposes of testing and
23 research.