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Senate Bill 550 (as introduced 4-28-99)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 201 (Environmental Remediation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to include in the definition of "secondary material" any hazardous substances actually comprising the scrap metal, paper, plastic, glass, textiles, or rubber; and to expand the criteria for secondary material.

Currently, "secondary material" means scrap metal, paper, plastic, glass, textiles, or rubber, which has demonstrated reuse or recycling potential and has been separated or removed from the solid waste stream for reuse or recycling, whether or not subsequent separation and processing is required, if substantial amounts of the material are consistently used in the manufacture of products that may be otherwise produced from a raw or virgin material.

The bill also would require that any separation, removal, or processing of the material comply with applicable law; that the material and the by-products resulting from any separation, removal, or processing of the material be managed in compliance with applicable law; and that the material not include any hazardous substance present on, or present in a container made of, secondary materials if the hazardous substance were the subject of a release or threat of release at a facility.

The Act currently exempts from liability under Part 201 a person who arranges the sale or transport of a secondary material for use in producing a new product.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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