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AB-599 Hazardous waste: classification and alternative management standards: notice of change. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 599

Introduced by Assembly Member Connolly

February 13, 2025

An act to add Section 25152.1 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous waste.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 599, as introduced, Connolly. Hazardous waste: classification and alternative management standards: notice of change.

Existing law requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control, before adopting building standards or adopting or revising other standards and regulations for the handling, processing, storing, use, recycling, and disposal of hazardous and extremely hazardous wastes, to hold at least one public hearing in Sacramento, or in a city within the area of the state to be affected by the proposed regulations, as provided.

This bill would, if the department proposes to reclassify wastes or adopt alternative management standards for regulated waste, require the department to take all necessary and authorized steps required by law to facilitate full public notification and review of state, regional, and local facility entitlements, to enable local community input regarding the proposed changes to the classification of wastes or the alternative management standards.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of the following:

- (1) Existing law requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to regulate the management and handling of hazardous waste.
- (2) The Department of Toxic Substances Control may only reclassify wastes and develop alternative management standards for regulated hazardous waste with authorization from the Legislature.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, if the Department of Toxic Substances Control proposes to reclassify wastes or adopt alternative management standards for regulated waste, then the department take all necessary and authorized steps required by law to facilitate full public notification and review of state, regional, and local facility entitlements, to enable local community input regarding the proposed changes to the classification of wastes or the alternative management standards, as described in Section 25152.1 of the Health and Safety Code.

SEC. 2. Section 25152.1 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

25152.1. If the department proposes to reclassify wastes or adopt alternative management standards for regulated waste, then the department shall take all necessary and authorized steps required by law to facilitate full public notification and review of state, regional, and local facility entitlements, to enable local community input regarding the proposed changes to the classification of wastes or the alternative management standards.