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USE OF FARM BY-PRODUCTS

House Bill 4297 Sponsor: Rep. Carl F. Gnodtke Committee: Agriculture & Forestry

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4297 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-95

The Environmental Response Act (MCL 299.603)) defines "hazardous substance" as 1) a chemical or other material that is or may become injurious to the public's health, safety, or welfare or to the environment, 2) a "hazardous substance," as the term is defined by the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 3) a "hazardous waste," as defined by the Hazardous Waste Management Act, or 4) "petroleum," as the term is used in the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Act. The bill would amend the act to specify that "hazardous substance" would not include processed fruit or vegetable by-products that were applied to land for agricultural purposes or used as animal feed if the use complied with "generally accepted agricultural management practices" (GAAMPS) established pursuant to the Michigan Right to Farm Act. (Note: House Bill 4249, currently on the House calendar, would amend the same section of the act and also would modify the definition of "hazardous substance.")