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House Bill 5148 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
House Bill 5149 (Substitute H-4 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Phil Pavlov (House Bill 5148)  
Representative Daniel Acciavatti (House Bill 5149)  
House Committee: Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment  
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

## **CONTENT**

House Bills 5148 (S-1) would amend Part 115 (Solid Waste Management) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to do the following:

- Provide for the permitting and operation of landfill Research, Development and Demonstration Projects (RDDPs), if the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) determined that an RDDP would provide beneficial data on alternative landfill design, construction, or operating methods.
- Allow the DEQ to authorize the addition of liquids such as septage waste or other liquid waste to RDDPs to accelerate or enhance the biostabilization of the solid waste.
- Require an RDDP permit application to contain specified information, including the RDDP's goals, and identify how the RDDP would meet certain requirements.
- Require an RDDP's owner or operator to submit an annual progress report to the DEQ.
- Allow the DEQ Director to order termination of an RDDP's operations or order other corrective measures if the goals of the RDDP were not being achieved.

House Bill 5149 (H-4) would amend the definition of "receiving facility" in Part 117 (Septage Waste Servicers) of NREPA to include a structure designed to receive waste for treatment at an RDDP.

The bills are tie-barred to each other and to Senate Bill 747, which would amend Part 115 to allow the disposal of liquid waste in landfills under certain conditions; delete a provision that allows the disposal of green glass in landfills until June 1, 2007; and prohibit the disposal of yard clippings in an incinerator, unless they were diseased or infested.

Proposed MCL 324.11511b (H.B. 5148)  
MCL 324.11701 et al. (H.B. 5149)

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would result in negligible administrative costs to the State. The Department would be required to review and address permit applications for landfill demonstration projects and provide for inspections and enforcement actions in the same manner as required for full-scale landfills. Existing resources would be used to cover the additional expenses.

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