

SENATE BILL No. 1334

September 27, 2012, Introduced by Senator ROBERTSON and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending sections 13809 and 13811 (MCL 333.13809 and 333.13811),
as added by 1990 PA 21.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 13809. A producing facility that does not incinerate
2 medical waste on site shall do all of the following to contain
3 medical waste:

4 (a) Package, contain, and locate medical waste in a manner
5 that protects and prevents the medical waste from release at the
6 producing facility or at any time before ultimate disposal.

7 (b) Separate the categories of medical waste at the point of
8 origin into appropriate containers that are labelled as required
9 under subdivision (c).

1 (c) Label the containers required under subdivision (b) with a
2 biohazard symbol or the words "medical waste" or "pathological
3 waste" in letters not less than 1 inch high.

4 (d) Not compact or mix medical waste with other waste
5 materials before decontamination, incineration, and disposal.

6 (e) If decontaminated medical waste is mixed with other solid
7 waste, clearly label the container to indicate that it contains
8 decontaminated medical waste.

9 (f) Store medical waste in such a manner that prevents
10 putrefaction and also prevents infectious agents from coming in
11 contact with the air or with individuals.

12 (g) If medical waste is stored outside of the producing
13 facility, store the medical waste in a secured area or locked in a
14 container that weighs more than 500 pounds and prevent access to
15 the area or container by vermin or unauthorized individuals.

16 (h) Not store medical waste on the premises of the producing
17 facility for more than 90 days, **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION**
18 **13811(D)**.

19 Sec. 13811. A producing facility shall store, decontaminate,
20 and dispose of medical waste pursuant to the following:

21 (a) Cultures and stocks of material contaminated with an
22 infectious agent shall be stored in closed, puncture-resistant
23 containers, decontaminated by autoclaving or incineration, and
24 disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

25 (b) Blood and blood products and body fluids shall be disposed
26 of by 1 or more of the following methods:

27 (i) Flushing down a sanitary sewer.

1 (ii) Decontaminating by autoclaving or incineration.

2 (iii) Solidifying.

3 (iv) If not in liquid form, transferring to a sanitary
4 landfill.

5 (v) A process approved by the department.

6 (c) Pathological waste shall be disposed of by 1 or more of
7 the following methods:

8 (i) Incineration or cremation.

9 (ii) Grinding and flushing into a sanitary sewer.

10 (iii) Burial in a cemetery, if transported in leakproof
11 containers of sufficient integrity to prevent rupture.

12 (iv) Grinding until rendered unrecognizable, stored in closed,
13 puncture-resistant, properly labeled containers, and, if not in
14 liquid form, disposed of in a sanitary landfill.

15 (v) A process approved by the department.

16 (d) Sharps shall be disposed of by 1 of the following methods:

17 (i) Placement in rigid, puncture-resistant containers that are
18 appropriately labeled and transported **WHEN FILLED, OR WITHIN 1**
19 **YEAR, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST,** to a sanitary landfill in a manner
20 that retains the integrity of the container.

21 (ii) Incineration or decontamination and grinding that renders
22 the objects unrecognizable. Ground sharps shall be placed in a
23 sealed, rupture-resistant container and transported to a sanitary
24 landfill.

25 (iii) A process approved by the department.

26 (e) Animal waste contaminated with organisms infectious to
27 humans shall be disposed of by incineration or by burial in a

1 sanitary landfill in properly labeled, double containers that are
2 leakproof and puncture-resistant and are tightly sealed to prevent
3 escape of fluids or material. Contaminated animal organs disposed
4 of separately shall be rendered unrecognizable.