STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2720 By: Adair of the House

and

Easley and Muegge of the Senate

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An Act relating to environment and natural resources and public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2414, as renumbered by Section 359, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, and as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 401, O.S.L. 1998 (27A O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 2-10-301), which relates to the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management Act; prohibiting location of certain municipal solid waste landfills over or within certain formations, areas and wells; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2414, as renumbered by Section 359, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, and as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 401, O.S.L. 1998 (27A O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 2-10-301), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-10-301. A. Except as otherwise specified in this section:

1. No person shall dispose of solid waste at any site or facility other than a site or facility for which a permit for solid or hazardous waste disposal has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality;

2. No person shall own or operate a site or facility at which solid waste is disposed other than a site or facility for which a permit for solid or hazardous waste disposal has been issued by the Department;

3. No person shall knowingly transport solid waste to an unpermitted site or facility; and

4. The Department shall not bring an enforcement action against any unit of local government which undertakes any remediation of an illegal dump which the local government had no role in creating provided that the unit of local government first consults with and follows the remediation advice of the Department. The Department is authorized to recommend remediation of illegal dumps by burial of the material on location, when such burial appears to pose less risk than failure to remediate.

B. No provision of the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management Act shall be construed to prevent a person from disposing of solid waste from his or her household upon his or her property provided such disposal does not create a nuisance or a hazard to the public health or environment or does not violate a local government ordinance.

C. Notice of permit actions shall be in accordance with the Uniform Permitting Act.

D. The Department shall issue a permit to be effective for the life of a given site. In order to assure adequate financial assurance as required by this section, each permittee who operates a landfill disposal site, other than a generator owned and operated private industrial nonhazardous monofill, shall submit information on an annual basis at such times and in such form as the Department shall require, sufficient to allow the Department to know the remaining landfill life.

E. Information and data submitted in support of a permit application or a permit modification application for any site serving a population equivalent of five thousand (5,000) or more persons shall be prepared and sealed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in this state. Applicants for smaller site permits are encouraged but not required to seek professional engineering assistance.

F. The Department shall not issue any permit for the siting or expansion of an asbestos monofill which will be located closer than five hundred (500) yards from any occupied residence. No asbestos monofill shall be constructed within three (3) miles of the corporate boundaries of any city or town.

G. Disposal sites approved by the Department to receive only solid waste shall not accept for disposal any waste classified as hazardous waste.

H. No permit shall be required for a disposal site constructed pursuant to an order issued by the Department in an effort to remediate an abandoned or inactive waste site. Such disposal site shall only receive waste from the remediation project, and shall be designed, constructed, and operated in accordance with the technical standards established in the applicable rules promulgated by the Environmental Quality Board. Such rules shall not be less stringent than those which would apply to a federally funded remediation project pursuant to the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

I. The Department shall not issue any permit for the siting of a new municipal solid waste landfill in any location that is both:

1. Within a locally fractured or cavernous limestone or cherty limestone bedrock; and

2. Within five (5) miles of any water well owned by a rural water district that is used or has the potential to be used to provide water to customers of the district.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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