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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 196

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An Act relating to environment and natural resources; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2005.3A, as renumbered by Section 359, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, and as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1996 (27A O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2-7-121) which relates to hazardous waste fees; repealing certain reciprocal hazardous waste fee; deleting requirements for payment of certain fee; clarifying statutory language; stating requirement for receipt of certain waste; authorizing the sale of property to certain entities for certain amounts; providing for the deposit and expenditure of certain funds; authorizing purchase or lease of certain property for certain purposes; specifying funds for certain expenditures; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2005.3A, as renumbered by Section 359, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, and as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1996 (27A O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2-7-121), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-7-121. A. Every hazardous waste treatment facility, storage facility, underground injection facility, disposal facility, or off-site facility that recycles hazardous waste subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act shall pay to the Department of Environmental Quality an annual fee on the amount of hazardous waste managed by such facility.

1. ~~Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, such fees shall be, subject~~ Subject to the qualifications provided in paragraph paragraphs 2 and 7 of this subsection, such fees shall be:

- a. ~~For hazardous waste generated within the State of Oklahoma, Nine Dollars (\$9.00) per ton for on-site or off-site storage, treatment or land disposal.~~
- b. ~~For hazardous waste generated within the State of Oklahoma, or elsewhere in the case of regeneration, Four Dollars (\$4.00) per ton for off-site recycling,~~ including regeneration, or
- c. ~~For hazardous waste generated within the State of Oklahoma, three cents (\$0.03) per gallon for on-site or off-site underground injection.~~
- d. ~~(1) Effective May 1, 1993, the fee applicable to waste generated outside the State of Oklahoma except as provided in subparagraph b of this paragraph shall be based on the primary purpose for which the waste is imported into the State of Oklahoma, and shall be a reciprocal fee at the rate of and in accordance with the method of imposition of the tax or fee imposed on the storage, treatment, disposal or recycling of such waste in the state, country or territory where the waste was generated, as determined by the Department. In no case, however, shall the fee levied on hazardous waste generated outside the State of Oklahoma be less than the rate charged at the time of its storage, treatment, disposal or recycling for hazardous waste generated and stored, treated, disposed or recycled in the State of Oklahoma.~~

~~(2) Any person storing, treating, disposing, or recycling such hazardous waste in the State of Oklahoma shall file with the Department an affidavit showing the applicable tax or fee for any hazardous waste received from another state, country or territory had it been stored, treated, or disposed of in a like manner in that state, country or territory. In preparing the required affidavit, the recipient of the waste is legally entitled to rely upon all information contained in the manifest document accompanying the shipment of waste.~~

2. ~~Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, there~~ There shall be a minimum fee per facility as follows:

- a. except as provided in subparagraph d of this paragraph, any person owning or operating an off-site hazardous waste treatment facility or disposal facility shall pay a total fee of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) each state fiscal year~~;~~
- b. any person owning or operating an on-site hazardous waste treatment facility, storage facility, or disposal facility shall pay a total fee of not less than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) each state fiscal year~~;~~ provided, the. The annual fee for the on-site disposal of hazardous waste by underground injection shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)~~;~~
- c. any person owning or operating an off-site facility for the storage or recycling of hazardous waste shall pay a total fee of not less than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) each state fiscal year; provided, any such off-site recycling facility which consistently recycles fewer than ten (10) tons of hazardous waste per

calendar month shall not be subject to this minimum annual fee. For the purpose of this subparagraph, storage includes physical separation or combining of wastes solely to facilitate efficient storage at the facility and/or efficient transportation, and

- d. any person owning or operating an off-site facility which accepts hazardous waste exclusively for the purpose of conducting research and design tests shall pay a total fee of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) each state fiscal year.

3. Off-site facilities may charge persons contracting for the services of the facility their proportional share of the fees required by the provisions of this section.

4. The facility shall become liable for payment of the fee on each ton or gallon of hazardous waste at the time it is received. For purposes of on-site facilities, receipt is deemed to have occurred when the waste is first managed in any unit or manner that requires a hazardous waste permit. The fee shall be payable by the facility to the Department only as provided for in subsection C of this section.

5. The fee imposed by the provisions of this section shall be payable only once without regard to any subsequent handling of the hazardous waste. The fee shall be based on the purpose for which the waste was ~~generated by or brought to~~ received by the facility. In no event shall a facility be required to pay a fee on each step or process involved in the storage, treatment, or disposal of the waste at the facility or a related facility under common control.

6. In computing the amount of the fee specified in subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section for the off-site recycling or regeneration of hazardous waste, the assessment for regeneration shall be made on a dry weight basis.

7. If a generator of characteristic hazardous waste or listed hazardous waste treats the waste on-site to meet Best Demonstrated Available Technology Standards and disposes of the waste on-site, the waste shall be subject to a reduced treatment or on-site disposal fee of one-half (1/2) the rate required by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this subsection; provided, such rate reduction shall not exceed Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) per calendar year.

B. The following facilities shall not be required to pay the fee required by the provisions of this section:

1. Facilities engaged only in the on-site recycling of hazardous waste; and

2. Facilities which have not ~~generated or~~ received new hazardous waste within the preceding state fiscal year.

C. Payment of the fees required by this section shall be due quarterly for hazardous waste received by the facility during the prior calendar quarter. Such quarterly payments shall be due on the first day of the month of the following quarter ~~during the state fiscal year in which the hazardous waste is received~~. All payments shall be made within thirty (30) days from the date ~~it becomes~~ they become due.

D. The fees required by this section shall be paid in lieu of the monitoring fees imposed in subsection B of Section 2-7-119 of this title. All facilities subject to the provisions of this section shall not be required to pay or collect any additional fees for waste disposal unless specifically required by the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act.

E. All fees and other monies received by the Department pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be expended solely for the purposes specified in this section.

1. Ten percent (10%) of the fees collected from an off-site hazardous waste facility pursuant to the provisions of this section

shall be deposited to the credit of the Special Economic Development Trust Funds. The funds for the Trusts accruing pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be distributed to each Trust established in proportion to the fees generated by the off-site hazardous waste facilities within the Trust area.

2. The Department shall expend monies received pursuant to the provisions of this section for one or more of the following purposes:

- a. the administration of the provisions of the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Act,
- b. the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes currently produced in Oklahoma and management needs for the identified wastes,
- c. the implementation of information exchange, technical assistance, public information, and educational programs,
- d. the development and encouragement of waste reduction plans for Oklahoma waste generators, or
- e. increased inspection of hazardous waste facilities which may include full time inspectors at off-site hazardous waste facilities.

F. To the extent that fees received pursuant to this section shall exceed the purposes specified in subsection E of this section, the Department shall only expend such funds for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Contributions required from the state pursuant to the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act for remediation or related action upon a site within the state;

2. Response, including but not limited to containment and removal, to emergency situations involving spillage, leakage, emissions or other discharge of hazardous waste or hazardous waste

constituents to the environment where a responsible party cannot be timely identified or found or compelled to take appropriate emergency action to adequately protect human health and the environment;

3. State-funded remediation of sites contaminated by hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents so as to present a threat to human health or the environment, to the extent that a responsible party cannot be timely identified or found or compelled to take such action, or is unable to take such action;

4. Costs incurred in pursuing an enforcement action to compel a responsible party to undertake appropriate response or remedial actions, or to recover from a responsible party monies expended by the state, as described in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this subsection; or

5. Financial assistance to municipalities or counties for the purposes and under the conditions specified in Section 2-7-305 of this title.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The Department of Environmental Quality is hereby authorized to sell property owned by the Department located on Lots 29 through 32, Block 44, Oklahoma City Addition, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to the federal government for an amount not less than the appraised value of such property. All proceeds from the sale of such property shall be deposited to the credit of the Department of Environmental Quality Revolving Fund. Such funds may be budgeted and expended in an amount necessary to offset the costs associated with replacement parking facilities.

The Department is hereby authorized to purchase or lease real property located in close proximity to property currently owned by the Department for the purpose of acquiring parking facilities for

its employees and visitors. The Department may utilize monies received pursuant to this section for such purpose.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act shall become effective September 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. 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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