

HB 1277 -- Hazardous Waste Management

Sponsor: Townley

This bill requires the Hazardous Waste Management Commission to convene a task force, beginning July 1, 2004, to consider proposals for restructuring the fees paid by hazardous waste generators and hazardous waste facilities. The task force will consider options for expanding the fee structure to more fairly apportion the cost of services provided among all those that benefit from those services. The task force must include representatives from hazardous waste generators; hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities; environmental groups; the General Assembly; the Department of Natural Resources; and interested members of the public. The task force must submit a report including its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2005.

The bill also allows Missouri treatment, storage, and disposal facilities that receive hazardous material from out-of-state generators to submit registration information to the Department of Natural Resources. This information should describe the types and quantities of hazardous waste received from out-of-state generators. As long as the facility submits this information to the department, the out-of-state generator will not be required to do so. The facility is also responsible for paying all fees and taxes on behalf of the out-of-state generator.

The bill contains an emergency clause.