

HB 281 -- Disposition of Hazardous Materials Evidence

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Currently, law enforcement officers who seize hazardous materials as evidence are allowed to collect representative samples and destroy or dispose of the materials with court approval. This bill authorizes law enforcement agencies to dispose of hazardous materials upon the proper documentation without court approval. In any prosecution, representative samples of hazardous materials accompanied by photos, video tapes, lab reports, or other means will be admissible and deemed competent evidence to verify the identity and quantity of the material because of the danger posed by exposure to the hazardous materials.