An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste

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Presented by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2203-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 461, §8, is further amended to read:

1. Fees. Unless otherwise provided by rule adopted in accordance with subsection 3, fees are imposed in the following amounts to be levied for solid waste that is disposed of at commercial, municipal, state-owned and regional association landfills.

- Asbestos: $5 per cubic yard
- Oil-contaminated soil, gravel, brick, concrete and other aggregate: $25 per ton
- Waste water facility sludge: $5 per ton
- Ash, coal and oil: $5 per ton
- Paper mill sludge: $5 per ton
- Industrial waste: $5 per ton
- Sandblast grit: $5 per ton
- All other special waste: $5 per ton
- Municipal solid waste or municipal solid waste ash: $1 per ton
- Front end process residue (FEPR): $1 per ton
- Construction and demolition debris and residue from the processing of construction and demolition debris: $2 per ton

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2204, as amended by PL 2015, c. 461, §§10 and 11, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the existing $2 per ton municipal solid waste surcharge statute in the laws governing solid waste management. It also amends the State's waste handling fee statute to impose a $1 per ton disposal fee on all municipal solid waste disposed of at a commercial, municipal, state-owned or regional association landfill.