

SENATE BILL NO. 482

September 12, 2023, Introduced by Senator MCDONALD RIVET and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 13809 and 13810 (MCL 333.13809 and 333.13810), as added by 1990 PA 21.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 13809. A producing facility that does not incinerate
2 medical waste on site shall do all of the following to contain
3 medical waste:

4 (a) Package, contain, and locate medical waste in a manner
5 that protects and prevents the medical waste from release at the
6 producing facility or at any time before ultimate disposal.

1 (b) Separate the categories of medical waste at the point of
2 origin into appropriate containers that are labelled as required
3 under subdivision (c).

4 (c) Label the containers required under subdivision (b) with a
5 biohazard symbol or the words "medical waste" or "pathological
6 waste" in letters not less than 1 inch high.

7 (d) Not compact or mix medical waste with other waste
8 materials before decontamination, incineration, and disposal.

9 (e) If decontaminated medical waste is mixed with other solid
10 waste, clearly label the container to indicate that it contains
11 decontaminated medical waste.

12 (f) Store medical waste in such a manner that prevents
13 putrefaction and also prevents infectious agents from coming in
14 contact with the air or with individuals.

15 (g) If medical waste is stored outside of the producing
16 facility, store the medical waste in a secured area or locked in a
17 container that weighs more than 500 pounds and prevent access to
18 the area or container by vermin or unauthorized individuals.

19 (h) Not store medical waste on the premises of the producing
20 facility for more than 90 days, **except that medical waste may be**
21 **stored in a sharps container for more than 90 days if the sharps**
22 **container is not filled to more than 3/4 capacity.**

23 Sec. 13810. A producing facility that incinerates medical
24 waste on site shall do all of the following to contain medical
25 waste:

26 (a) Package, contain, and locate medical waste in a manner
27 that protects and prevents the medical waste from release at the
28 producing facility or at any time before ultimate disposal.

29 (b) Separate and dispose of sharps in the manner described in

1 section 13811(d).

2 (c) Label the containers required under subdivision (a) with a
3 biohazard symbol or the words "medical waste" or "pathological
4 waste" in letters not less than 1 inch high.

5 (d) Not store medical waste on premises of the producing
6 facility for more than 90 days, **except that medical waste may be**
7 **stored in a sharps container for more than 90 days if the sharps**
8 **container is not filled to more than 3/4 capacity.**