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Summary Senate Bill 547, P.N. 555

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rafferty

- Amends Solid Waste Management Act.
- Requires any permit applicant to certify that the operator has no outstanding violations of act, and has complied with any enforcement orders. DEP shall not accept any application until it verifies the certification required.
- Requires DEP to order a person or municipality found in violation of the Act to alter its activities in a manner that will prevent pollution and public nuisances (currently DEP has authority but is not required to do so).
- Authorizes DEP to impose a penalty of up to \$50,000 upon an operator that demonstrates a pattern of multiple violations of §610 (related to unlawful conduct). (Current maximum civil penalty is \$25,000 - §605). Such penalty may not be waived by DEP.
- Ensures DEP may still permit violator to engage in a community environmental project in lieu of paying fine.
- Effective in 60 days.