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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 193

Continuing the Joint Subcommittee Examining the Appropriate Financial Role and Responsibility of the Commonwealth, if any, to assist localities in remediating abandoned solid or hazardous waste sites.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 1996

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 1996

WHEREAS, the 1994 Session of the General Assembly, pursuant to Item 495, Paragraph C of the 1994-96 Appropriation Act, established a joint subcommittee to examine the appropriate financial role and responsibility of the Commonwealth, if any, to assist localities in remediating abandoned solid or hazardous waste sites; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 Session of the General Assembly amended Item 495, Paragraph C of the 1994-96 Appropriation Act to continue the joint subcommittee and to expand the scope of the study to include (i) an examination of ownership, access, and residual value issues associated with such sites and (ii) recommendations for appropriate funding mechanisms and a timetable for cleanup of the abandoned solid or hazardous waste sites deemed to pose the most immediate threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, due to the number and complexity of the issues involved, the joint subcommittee has agreed that another year of study is necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Subcommittee Examining the Appropriate Financial Role and Responsibility of the Commonwealth be continued. The joint subcommittee shall continue to examine the appropriate financial role and responsibility of the Commonwealth, if any, to assist localities in remediating abandoned solid or hazardous waste sites. In its deliberations, the joint subcommittee shall (i) examine ownership, access, and residual value issues associated with such sites and (ii) recommend appropriate funding mechanisms and a timetable for cleanup of those sites deemed to pose the most immediate threat to public health and safety.

The membership of the joint subcommittee shall continue to serve as appointed pursuant to Item 495, Paragraph C of the 1994-96 Appropriation Act. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$3,000.

The staffs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the joint subcommittee. The Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Environmental Quality shall provide technical assistance to the joint subcommittee. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1997 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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