

Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

CS/SB 922 — Solid Waste Management

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Montford

The bill revises provisions related to the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund and the solid waste management grant program. The bill:

- Establishes a waste tire abatement program and provides for funding of the program;
- Removes the waste tire grant program and authorizes the consolidated grant program for small counties to provide grants for waste tire abatement;
- Amends the population requirement for eligibility for the consolidated grant program for small counties, increasing it from counties with populations of fewer than 100,000 to those with populations of fewer than 110,000;
- Modifies provisions related to the use of funds from the solid waste landfill closure account for contracting with a third parties for the closing and long-term care of solid waste management facilities by allowing the use of funds when a facility was not required to obtain a permit to operate the facility and expanding the types of financial assurances permittees may provide for closure of solid waste management facilities; and
- Provides authority to the Department of Environmental Protection to use funds from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund to pay for or reimburse additional expenses needed for performing or completing a facility closure or long-term care when the amount available under an insurance policy or other financial assurance mechanism is not sufficient.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 117-0