

13:1K-33 to 13:1K-35

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 13:1K-33 to 13:1K-35 (Hazardous discharges-- training program)

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Bill No: A2350

Sponsor(s): Franks and Singer

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Senate: County & Municipal Government

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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 2350

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 17, 1986

By Assemblymen FRANKS and SINGER

AN ACT concerning hazardous material discharge training programs for municipal and county employees, supplementing P. L. 1984, c. 210 (C. 13:1K-15 et seq.) and making an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Within 180 days of the effective date of this act and annually
2 thereafter, the Division of State Police in the Department of Law
3 and Public Safety and the Department of Environmental Protec-
4 tion shall establish and operate a hazardous material discharge
5 initial emergency response training program for municipal and
6 county agents or officers involved in investigating suspected
7 hazardous material discharges. The training program shall be a
8 one day program offered in different regions of the State in order
9 to be accessible to all municipalities and counties. Each munici-
10 pality and county shall, every two years, send to the training pro-
11 gram that individual primarily responsible for activating the
12 municipality's or county's hazardous material emergency response
13 program or that individual's designee. Each municipality and
14 county may send any other individuals with similar responsibilities
15 as may be deemed necessary. A municipality's responsibility pur-
16 suant to this section shall not be fulfilled if the individual sent to the
17 training program serves as a regional response agent for hazardous
18 material discharges for more than one municipality.

1 2. The hazardous material discharge training program shall be
2 designed to enable its participants to competently:

- 3 a. Verify if a hazardous material discharge has occurred;
4 b. Identify the type and amount of the hazardous material;

5 c. Insure timely notification of the discharge incident to the
6 appropriate municipal, county and State officials;

7 d. Know the responsibilities of municipal, county and State
8 organizations in dealing with hazardous materials;

9 e. Know the appropriate precautions to safeguard the public
10 health and safety until specialized hazardous material response
11 personnel arrive; and

12 f. Communicate the required notification information to all other
13 municipal representatives who may potentially receive the initial
14 call regarding a hazardous material discharge.

1 3. There is appropriated to the Division of State Police in the
2 Department of Law and Public Safety from the General Fund the
3 sum of \$25,000.00 to implement the provisions of this act.

1 4. There shall be annually appropriated to the Division of State
2 Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety from the
3 General Fund such sums as the Legislature deems necessary to
4 continue implementing this act. The division and the Department
5 of Environmental Protection shall approve the expenditure of any
6 such funds, including the funds appropriated pursuant to section
7 3 of this act.

1 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE (CONTROL)

Establishes a hazardous material discharge training program for
municipal and county officials.

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1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
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1 1. Within 180 days of the effective date of this act the Depart-
2 ment of Environmental Protection, in conjunction with the Depart-
3 ment of Health, shall establish and operate a hazardous discharge
4 **and emergency response** training program for municipal **[and]**
5 **or** county agents or officers involved in investigating suspected
6 hazardous discharges. Each municipality and county shall send
7 **[at least one agent or]** **its health** officer **and, if necessary, one*
8 *additional agent** to participate in the training program. The train-
9 ing program shall be offered once a year.

1 2. The hazardous discharge training program shall be designed
2 in order to enable its participants to completely:

- 3 a. Verify if a hazardous discharge has occurred;
4 b. Identify the type and amount of the hazardous substances
5 involved;
6 c. Evaluate the hazard posed by a hazardous substance;
7 d. **[Determine]** **Be familiar with** the **known** health effects
8 of exposure to the **different classes of** hazardous substances;
9 e. Be familiar with the proper precautions, practices, necessary
10 personal protective equipment, recommended engineering controls,
11 and any other necessary and appropriate measures for the safe
12 handling of hazardous substances, including procedures to extin-

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Assembly committee amendments adopted May 8, 1986.

13 guish or control a fire that involves a hazardous substance; and
14 f. Implement the appropriate emergency and first aid procedures
15 for spills, fires, potential explosions, and accidental or unplanned
16 emissions involving a hazardous substance.

1 *3. *The Department of Environmental Protection may, pursuant*
2 *to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 412 (C.*
3 *52:14B-1 et seq.), charge reasonable fees to counties and munici-*
4 *palities sending health officers or other agents for training under*
5 *this act to cover the costs of that training.**

1 ***[3.]*** *4.* There is appropriated to the department from the
2 General Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 to implement the provisions of
3 this act.

1 ***[4.]*** *5.* This act shall take effect immediately.

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4 training program for municipal and county agents or officers in-
5 volved in investigating suspected hazardous discharges. Each mu-
6 nicipality and county shall send at least one agent or officer to
7 participate in the training program. The training program shall
8 be offered once a year.

1 2. The hazardous discharge training program shall be designed
2 in order to enable its participants to completely:

3 a. Verify if a hazardous discharge has occurred;

4 b. Identify the type and amount of the hazardous substances
5 involved;

6 c. Evaluate the hazard posed by a hazardous substance;

7 d. Determine the health effects of exposure to the hazardous
8 substances;

9 e. Be familiar with the proper precautions, practices, necessary
10 personal protective equipment, recommended engineering controls,
11 and any other necessary and appropriate measures for the safe
12 handling of hazardous substances, including procedures to extin-
13 guish or control a fire that involves a hazardous substance; and

14 f. Implement the appropriate emergency and first aid procedures
15 for spills, fires, potential explosions, and accidental or unplanned
16 emissions involving a hazardous substance.

1 3. There is appropriated to the department from the General
2 Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 to implement the provisions of this act.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The suspected discharge of hazardous substances may require municipal and county agents or officials to make a preliminary investigation of the discharge site. Because of the potential danger this situation entails, it is vital that qualified people make the inspection. This bill requires that the Department of Environmental Protection, in conjunction with the Department of Health, establish a training program for county and municipal employees so that they will be qualified to verify a hazardous discharge, determine the types, quantities and dangers of the substances involved, and take emergency measures to protect the community. This bill appropriates \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to implement this training program.

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ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
STATEMENT TO
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 2350
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 26, 1987

The Assembly Committee on Environmental Quality favorably reports Senate Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2350 OCR.

The Senate Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2350 OCR requires the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a hazardous material discharge initial emergency response training program. The training program would be a one day program offered annually in different regions of the State. Each municipality and county would be required to send the individual primarily responsible for activating its hazardous materials emergency response program or the individual's designee every two years for training. In addition, the municipality or county may send any other individuals with similar responsibilities for emergency response training.

The training program would enable the participants to competently verify that a discharge occurred, identify the hazardous material, notify appropriate local and State officials and know the precautions needed to safeguard the public health and safety until specially trained personnel arrive to cleanup and remove the discharge, among other responsibilities.

The committee substitute appropriates \$25,000.00 to the Division of State Police to implement the act. The division and the Department of Environmental Protection shall approve any expenditure of funds made pursuant to the act.

This bill is virtually identical to Assembly Bill No. 2350 OCR released by this committee on May 8, 1986, but has been refined by the Senate committees to specify that the training program focus on initial emergency response in preparation for the arrival of specialized hazardous material emergency response personnel.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
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