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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by Assemblymen COLLINS and STUHLTRAGER

AN ACT concerning the licensing and regulation of the solid and hazardous waste industries, and amending P.L.1983, c.392.

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

- 1. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-127) is amended to read as follows:
- 2. As used in [this act] the provisions of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-126 et seq.) and P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128.1 et al.):
- a. "Applicant" means any business concern which has filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General and is seeking an initial license, provided that the business concern has furnished the department and the Attorney General with any information required pursuant to P.L.1991, c.296 (C.13:1E-128.1 et al.).
- b. "Application" means the forms and accompanying documents filed in connection with an applicant's or permittee's request for a license.
- c. "Business concern" means any corporation, association, firm, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust or other form of commercial organization.
- d. "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.
- e. "Disclosure statement" means a statement submitted to the department and the Attorney General by an applicant or a permittee, which statement shall include:
- (1) The full name, business address and social security number of the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, and of any officers, directors, partners, or key employees thereof and all persons holding any equity in or debt liability of that business concern, or, if the applicant or permittee is a publicly traded corporation, all persons holding more than 5% of the equity in or the debt liability of that business concern, except that where the debt liability is held by a chartered lending institution, the applicant or permittee need only supply the name and business address of the lending institution;
- (2) The full name, business address and social security number of all officers, directors, or partners of any business concern disclosed in the disclosure statement and the names and addresses of all persons holding any equity in or the debt liability of any business concern so disclosed, or, if the business concern is a publicly traded corporation, all persons holding more than 5% of

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the equity in or the debt liability of that business concern, except that where the debt liability is held by a chartered lending institution, the applicant or permittee need only supply the name and business address of the lending institution;

- (3) The full name and business address of any business concern which collects, transports, treats, stores, transfers or disposes of solid waste or hazardous waste in which the applicant or the permittee holds an equity interest;
- (4) A description of the experience and credentials in, including any past or present licenses for, the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste possessed by the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, and by the key employees, officers, directors, or partners thereof;
- (5) A listing and explanation of any notices of violation or prosecution, administrative orders or license revocations issued by this State or any other state or federal authority, in the 10 years immediately preceding the filing of the application or disclosure statement, whichever is later, which are pending or have resulted in a finding or a settlement of a violation of any law or rule and regulation relating to the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste by the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, or by any key employee, officer, director, or partner thereof;
- (6) A listing and explanation of any judgment of liability or conviction which was rendered, pursuant to the laws of this State, or any other state or federal statute or local ordinance, against the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, or against any key employee, officer, director, or partner thereof, except for any violation of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes other than a violation of the provisions of P.L.1983, c.102 (C.39:5B-18 et seq.), P.L.1983, c.401 (C.39:5B-25 et seq.) or P.L.1985, c.415 (C.39:5B-30 et seq.);
- (7) A listing of all labor unions and trade and business associations in which the applicant or the permittee was a member or with which the applicant or the permittee had a collective bargaining agreement during the 10 years preceding the date of the filing of the application or disclosure statement, whichever is later;
- (8) A listing of any agencies outside of New Jersey which had regulatory responsibility over the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, in connection with the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste; and
- (9) Any other information the Attorney General or the department may require that relates to the competency, reliability or integrity of the applicant or the permittee.

The provisions of paragraphs (1) through (9) of this subsection to the contrary notwithstanding, if an applicant or a permittee is a secondary business activity corporation, "disclosure statement" means a statement submitted to the department and the Attorney General by an applicant or a permittee, which statement shall include:

- (a) The full name, primary business activity, office or position held, business address, home address, date of birth and federal employer identification number of the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, and of all officers, directors, partners, or key employees of the business concern; and of all persons holding more than 5% of the equity in or debt liability of that business concern, except that where the debt liability is held by a chartered lending institution, the applicant or permittee need only supply the name and business address of the lending institution. The Attorney General or the department may request the social security number of any individual identified pursuant to this paragraph;
- (b) The full name, business address and federal employer identification number of any business concern in any state, territory or district of the United States, which collects, transports, treats, stores, recycles, brokers, transfers or disposes of solid waste or hazardous waste on a commercial basis, in which the applicant or the permittee holds an equity interest of 25% or more, and the type, amount and dates of the equity held in such business concern;
- (c) A listing of every license, registration, permit, certificate of public convenience and necessity, uniform tariff approval or equivalent operating authorization held by the applicant or permittee within the last five years under any name for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, recycling, processing, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste on a commercial basis in any state, territory or district of the United States, and the name of every agency issuing such operating authorization;
- (d) If the applicant or the permittee is a subsidiary of a parent corporation, or is the parent corporation of one or more subsidiaries, or is part of a group of companies in common ownership, as the case may be, a chart, or, if impractical or burdensome, a list showing the names, federal employer identification numbers and relationships of all parent, sister, subsidiary and affiliate corporations, or members of the group;
- (e) A listing and explanation of any notices of violation or prosecution, administrative orders or license revocations issued by this State or any other state or federal authority to the applicant or permittee in the 10 years immediately preceding the filing of the application or disclosure statement, whichever is later, which are pending or have resulted in a finding or a settlement of a violation of any law or rule or regulation relating to the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, recycling, processing, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste by the applicant or permittee;
- (f) A listing and explanation of any judgment, decree or order, whether by consent or not, issued against the applicant or permittee in the 10 years immediately preceding the filing of the application, and of any pending civil complaints against the applicant or permittee pertaining to a violation or alleged violation of federal or state antitrust laws, trade regulations or securities regulations;
 - (g) A listing and explanation of any conviction issued against

the applicant or permittee for a felony resulting in a plea of nolo contendere, or any conviction in the 10 years immediately preceding the filing of the application, and of any pending indictment, accusation, complaint or information for any felony issued to the applicant or the permittee pursuant to any state or federal statute; and

- (h) A completed personal history disclosure form shall be submitted to the department and the Attorney General by every person required to be listed in this disclosure statement, except for those individuals who are exempt from the personal history disclosure requirements pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128).
- f. "Key employee" means any individual employed by the applicant, the permittee or the licensee in a supervisory capacity or empowered to make discretionary decisions with respect to the solid waste or hazardous waste operations of the business concern but shall not include employees exclusively engaged in the physical or mechanical collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste.
- g. "License" means the initial approval and first renewal by the department of any registration statement or engineering design pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.) or P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.), for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste in this State.
- A "license" shall not include any registration statement or engineering design approved for:
- (1) Any State department, division, agency, commission or authority, or county, municipality or agency thereof;
- (2) Any person solely for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste generated by that person;
- (3) Any person for the operation of a hazardous waste facility, if at least 75% of the total design capacity of that facility is utilized to treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste generated by that person;
- (4) Any person for the operation of a hazardous waste facility which is considered as such solely as the result of the reclamation, recycling or refining of hazardous wastes which are or contain any of the following precious metals: gold, silver, osmium, platinum, palladium, iridium, rhodium, ruthenium, or copper;
- (5) Any person solely for the transportation of hazardous wastes which are or contain precious metals to a hazardous waste facility described in paragraph (4) of this subsection for the purposes of reclamation.
- A "license" shall include any registration statement approved for any person who transports any other hazardous waste in addition to hazardous wastes which are or contain precious metals;
- (6) Any person solely for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of granular activated carbon used in the adsorption of hazardous waste; or
 - (7) Any regulated medical waste generator for the treatment

or disposal of regulated medical waste at any noncommercial incinerator or noncommercial facility in this State that accepts regulated medical waste for disposal.

- h. "Licensee" means any business concern which has completed the requirements of section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128) and whose application for the issuance or renewal of a license has been approved by the department pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-133).
 - i. "Permittee" means and shall include:

- (1) Any business concern which has filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General and to which a valid registration statement or engineering design approval for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.) or P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.) has been given by the department prior to June 14, 1984;
- (2) Any business concern which has filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General and to which a temporary license has been approved, issued or renewed by the department pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-135), but which has not otherwise completed the requirements of section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128) and whose application for a license has not been approved by the department pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-133), provided that the temporary license remains valid, and provided further that the business concern has furnished the department and the Attorney General with any information required pursuant to P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128 et al.);
- (3) Any business concern which has filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General and to which a valid registration statement or engineering design exproval for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste pursuant to F.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.) or P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.) has been given by the department between February 20, 1385 and January 23, 1986, inclusive, provided that the registration statement or engineering design approval remains valid, and provided further that the business concern has furnished the department and the Attorney General with any information required pursuant to P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128 et el.); or
- (4) Any business concern to which a temporary approval of registration has been given by the department at any time after January 23, 1986 pursuant to statute or rule and regulation, provided that such temporary approval of registration, statute, or rule and regulation remains valid, and provided further that the business concern has furnished the department and the Attorney General with any information required pursuant to P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128.1 et al.) and filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General.
- j. "Person" means any individual or business concern.
- k. "Secondary business activity corporation" means any business concern which has derived less than 5% of its annual gross revenues in each of the three years immediately preceding

- the one in which the application for a license is being made from
- 2 the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, recycling,
- 3 processing, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste,
- 4 whether directly or through other business concerns partially or
- 5 wholly owned or controlled by the applicant or the permittee, as
- 6 the case may be, and which (1) has one or more classes of
- 7 security registered pursuant to section 12 of the "Securities
- 8 Exchange Act of 1934," as amended (15 U.S.C. \$781), or (2) is an
- 9 issuer subject to subsection (d) of section 15 of the "Securities
- 10 Exchange Act of 1934," as amended (15 U.S.C.§780).
- 11 (cf: P.L.1991, c.269, s.1)

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- 2. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. In addition to any other procedure, condition or information required pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.) or any other law:
- a. (1) Every applicant and permittee shall file a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General;
- (2) Any person required to be listed in the disclosure statement shall be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes in accordance with procedures therefor established by the Attorney General;
- (3) The Attorney General shall, upon the receipt of the disclosure statement from an applicant for an initial license or from a permittee, prepare and transmit to the department an investigative report on the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, based in part upon the disclosure statement. In preparing this report, the Attorney General may request and receive criminal history information from the State Commission of Investigation or the Federal Bureau of Investigation; [and]
- (4) In conducting a review of the application, the department shall include a review of the disclosure statement and investigative report;
- (5) An applicant or permittee may file a limited disclosure statement pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) of subsection 2. of section 2 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-127); and a person required to be listed in the disclosure statement is exempt from the fingerprint and personal history disclosure requirements; f:
- (a) The applicant or permittee is a secondary business activity corporation; and
- (b) The person required to be listed in the disclosure statement is (i) a director or chief executive officer; or (ii) an individual who does not have any responsibility for, or control of, the commercial solid waste or hazardous waste operations of the applicant, permittee or licensee conducted in New Jersey, and who will not exercise any such responsibility or control upon the issuance of a license by the department.
- b. All applicants, permittees and licensees shall have the continuing duty to provide any assistance or information requested by the department or the Attorney General, and to cooperate in any inquiry or investigation conducted by the Attorney General or the State Commission of Investigation and any inquiry, investigation, or hearing conducted by the

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52 53 department. [If] Except as otherwise determined by the Superior Court pursuant to subsection d. of this section, if, upon issuance of a formal request to answer any inquiry or produce information, evidence or testimony, any applicant, permittee or licensee refuses to comply, the application of the business concern for a license may be denied, or the license of that business concern may be revoked by the department.

c. If any of the information required to be included in the disclosure statement changes, or if any information provided concerning the applicability of an exemption under subsection d. of this section changes, or if any additional information should be added [after the filing of] to the disclosure statement after it has been filed, the applicant, permittee or licensee shall provide that information to the department and the Attorney General, in writing, within 30 days of the change or addition.

The provisions of paragraph (5) of subsection a. of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Attorney General may at any time require any person required to be listed in the disclosure statement to file a completed personal history disclosure form and a full disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection e. of section 2 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-127), or to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of this section, if the Attorney General determines that there exists a reasonable suspicion that the additional information is likely to lead to information relevant to a determination regarding the approval of a license pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-133), the revocation of a license pursuant to section 9 of P.Z.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-134), or the severance of a disqualifying person pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-135).

If the Attorney General requires any or all of this information, a written request for the acditional information shall be served upon the applicant, permittee or licensee. Within 60 days of receipt of a written request for additional information, the applicant, permittee or licersee may seek review of the Attorney General's determination in the Superior Court. If the applicant, permittee or licensee fails to provide the additional information to the Attorney General within 60 days of receipt of the written request, the Attorney General may file with the Superior Court a petition for an order requiring the applicant, permittee or licensee to provide the additional information. In a proceeding brought by either party, the applicant, permittee or licensee shall demonstrate that the additional information requested is not likely to lead to information relevant to a determination regarding the approval of a license pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-133), the revocation of a license pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-134), or the severance of a disqualifying person pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-135). For good cause shown, the court may review in camera the submission of the Attorney General or the applicant, permittee or licensee, or any part thereof.

54 (cf: P.L.1991, c.269, s.2)

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3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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6 Amends the "A901" solid and hazardous waste industry licensing law to exempt certain officers and directors in certain publicly traded corporations from the disclosure requirements of the act.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 1994

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- b. "Application" means the forms and accompanying documents filed in connection with an applicant's or permittee's request for a license.
- c. "Business concern" means any corporation, association, firm, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust or other form of commercial organization.
- d. "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.
- e. "Disclosure statement" means a statement submitted to the department and the Attorney General by an applicant or a permittee, which statement shall include:
- (1) The full name, business address and social security number of the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, and of any officers, directors, partners, or key employees thereof and all persons holding any equity in or debt liability of that business concern, or, if the applicant or permittee is a publicly traded corporation, all persons holding more than 5% of the equity in or the debt liability of that business concern, except that where the debt liability is held by a chartered lending institution, the applicant or permittee need only supply the name and business address of the lending institution;
- (2) The full name, business address and social security number of all officers, directors, or partners of any business concern disclosed in the disclosure statement and the names and addresses of all persons holding any equity in or the debt liability of any business concern so disclosed, or, if the business concern is a publicly traded corporation, all persons holding more than 5% of

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the equity in or the debt liability of that business concern, except that where the debt liability is held by a chartered lending institution, the applicant or permittee need only supply the name and business address of the lending institution;

- (3) The full name and business address of any business concern which collects, transports, treats, stores, transfers or disposes of solid waste or hazardous waste in which the applicant or the permittee holds an equity interest;
- (4) A description of the experience and credentials in, including any past or present licenses for, the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste possessed by the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, and by the key employees, officers, directors, or partners thereof;
- (5) A listing and explanation of any notices of violation or prosecution, administrative orders or license revocations issued by this State or any other state or federal authority, in the 10 years immediately preceding the filing of the application or disclosure statement, whichever is later, which are pending or have resulted in a finding or a settlement of a violation of any law or rule and regulation relating to the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste by the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, or by any key employee, officer, director, or partner thereof;
- (6) A listing and explanation of any judgment of liability or conviction which was rendered, pursuant to the laws of this State, or any other state or federal statute or local ordinance, against the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, or against any key employee, officer, director, or partner thereof, except for any violation of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes other than a violation of the provisions of P.L.1983, c.102 (C.39:5B-18 et seq.), P.L.1983, c.401 (C.39:5B-25 et seq.) or P.L.1985, c.415 (C.39:5B-30 et seq.);
- (7) A listing of all labor unions and trade and business associations in which the applicant or the permittee was a member or with which the applicant or the permittee had a collective bargaining agreement during the 10 years preceding the date of the filing of the application or disclosure statement, whichever is later;
- (8) A listing of any agencies outside of New Jersey which had regulatory responsibility over the applicant or the permittee, as the case may be, in connection with the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste;
- (9) Any other information the Attorney General or the department may require that relates to the competency, reliability or integrity of the applicant or the permittee.

The provisions of paragraphs (1) through (9) of this subsection to the contrary notwithstanding, and as an alternative thereto, if an applicant or a permittee is a secondary business activity corporation, "disclosure statement" means a statement submitted to the department and the Attorney General by an applicant or a permittee, which statement shall include:

- (1) All information filed during the preceding reporting year pursuant to the disclosure requirements of the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934," 48 Stat. 881 (15 U.S.C. §78a et seq.), including, but not limited to:
- (a) The full name, business address and social security number, and primary business activity of all officers and directors of the business concern; and
- (b) The disclosure of all current prosecutions or pending charges in any jurisdiction against any officer or director of the business concern, including, but not limited to, prosecutions or charges for any of the crimes enumerated in subsection b. of section 8 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-133).
- (2) In addition to the information required pursuant to paragraph (1) herein, all officers and key employees of the business concern who are involved in the business concern's solid waste or hazardous waste operations in this State shall file a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (9) of this subsection, and shall be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes pursuant to subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128).

Upon good cause shown, the Attorney General may require any officer, director, partner, or key employee of a secondary business activity corporation and all persons holding more than 5% of the equity in or the debt liability of that business concern to file a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (9) of this subsection, or to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes pursuant to subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128).

- f. "Key employee" means any individual employed by the applicant, the permittee or the licensee in a supervisory capacity or empowered to make discretionary decisions with respect to the solid waste or nazardous waste operations of the business concern but shall not include employees exclusively engaged in the physical or mechanical collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste.
- g. "License" means the initial approval and first renewal by the department of any registration statement or engineering design pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.) or P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.), for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste in this State.

A "license" shall not include any registration statement or engineering design approved for:

- (1) Any State department, division, agency, commission or authority, or county, municipality or agency thereof;
- (2) Any person solely for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste generated by that person;
- (3) Any person for the operation of a hazardous waste facility, if at least 75% of the total design capacity of that facility is utilized to treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste generated by that person;

- (4) Any person for the operation of a hazardous waste facility which is considered as such solely as the result of the reclamation, recycling or refining of hazardous wastes which are or contain any of the following precious metals: gold, silver, osmium, platinum, palladium, iridium, rhodium, ruthenium, or copper;
- (5) Any person solely for the transportation of hazardous wastes which are or contain precious metals to a hazardous waste facility described in paragraph (4) of this subsection for the purposes of reclamation.

A "license" shall include any registration statement approved for any person who transports any other hazardous waste in addition to hazardous wastes which are or contain precious metals;

- (6) Any person solely for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of granular activated carbon used in the adsorption of hazardous waste; or
- (7) Any regulated medical waste generator for the treatment or disposal of regulated medical waste at any noncommercial incinerator or noncommercial facility in this State that accepts regulated medical waste for disposal.
- h. "Licensee" means any business concern which has completed the requirements of section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128) and whose application for the issuance or renewal of a license has been approved by the department pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-133).
 - i. "Permittee" means and shall include:
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- (2) Any business concern which has filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General and to which a temporary license has been approved, issued or renewed by the section 10 of P.L.1983, department pursuant to (C.13:1E-135), but which has not otherwise completed the requirements of section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128) and whose application for a license has not been approved by the department pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1983, (C.13:1E-133), provided that the temporary license remains valid, and provided further that the business concern has furnished the department and the Attorney General with any information required pursuant to P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128 et al.);
- (3) Any business concern which has filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General and to which a valid registration statement or engineering design approval for the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.) or P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.) has been given by the department between February 20, 1985 and January 23, 1986, inclusive, provided that the registration

statement or engineering design approval remains valid, and provided further that the business concern has furnished the department and the Attorney General with any information required pursuant to P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128 et al.); or

- (4) Any business concern to which a temporary approval of registration has been given by the department at any time after January 23, 1986 pursuant to statute or rule and regulation, provided that such temporary approval of registration, statute, or rule and regulation remains valid, and provided further that the business concern has furnished the department and the Attorney General with any information required pursuant to P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128.1 et al.) and filed a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General.
 - j. "Person" means any individual or business concern.
- k. "Secondary business activity corporation" means any business concern which is a publicly traded corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange and whose principal business does not involve the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste, and which has derived less than 5% of its annual gross revenues in each of the preceding three years from its solid waste or hazardous waste operations in this State.
- 23 (cf: P.L.1991, c.269, s.1)

- 2. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-128) is amended to read as follows:
- 3. In addition to any other procedure, condition or information required pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), P.L.1981, c.279 (C.13:1E-49 et seq.) or any other law:
- a. (1) Every applicant and permittee shall file a disclosure statement with the department and the A:torney General;
- (2) Any person required to be listed in the disclosure statement shall be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes in accordance with procedures therefor established by the Attorney General;
- (3) The Attorney General shall, upon the receipt of the disclosure statement from an applicant for an initial license or from a permittee, prepare and transmit to the department an investigative report on the applicant cr the permittee, as the case may be, based in part upon the disclosure statement. In preparing this report, the Attorney General may request and receive criminal history information from the State Commission of Investigation or the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and
- (4) In conducting a review of the application, the department shall include a review of the disclosure statement and investigative report.
- b. All applicants, permittees and licensees shall have the continuing duty to provide any assistance or information requested by the department or the Attorney General, and to cooperate in any inquiry or investigation conducted by the Attorney General or the State Commission of Investigation and any inquiry, investigation, or hearing conducted by the department. If, upon issuance of a formal request to answer any inquiry or produce information, evidence or testimony, any applicant, permittee or licensee refuses to comply, the

application of the business concern for a license may be denied, or the license of that business concern may be revoked by the department.

c. If any of the information required to be included in the disclosure statement changes, or if any additional information should be added after the filing of the disclosure statement, the applicant, permittee or licensee shall provide that information to the department and the Attorney General, in writing, within 30 days of the change or addition.

The provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, if an applicant or a permittee is a secondary business activity corporation, only those officers and key employees of the business concern who are involved in the business concern's solid waste or hazardous waste operations in this State shall be required to file a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection e. of section 2 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-127), or to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

Upon good cause shown, the Attorney General may require any officer, director, partner, or key employee of a secondary business activity corporation and all persons holding more than 5% of the equity in or the debt liability of that business concern to file a disclosure statement with the department and the Attorney General and to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

(cf: P.L.1991, c.269, s.2)

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would amend the provisions of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-126 et seq.), commonly referred to as "A=01" or the solid and hazardous waste industry licensing law, to exempt officers and directors in certain publicly traded corporations from the disclosure requirements of the act.

P.L.1983, c.392, as revised by P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128.1 et al.), provides strict criteria for licensure of entities and individuals performing, or seeking to perform, most activities in the solid waste or hazardous waste collection and disposal industries. The act, under the joint administration of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Law and Public Safety, requires each such individual and entity to submit to the Attorney General and the DEP a disclosure statement from which the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety performs a background investigation. The Division of Law in the Department of Law and Public Safety evaluates the information revealed by each investigation and prepares a report in which it concludes whether or not the DEP is precluded by the standards of "A901" from granting a license. The licensing standards are designed to preclude individuals or entities with criminal backgrounds or a history of violations of environmental laws in this State or other

jurisdictions from participation in waste management activities in New Jersey. The final decision as to licensure is made by DEP.

This bill would exempt the officers and directors of so-called "secondary business activity corporations" from the disclosure requirements of the act. A "secondary business activity corporation" refers to any publicly traded corporation listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange whose principal business does not involve the collection, transportation, treatment, storage, transfer or disposal of solid waste or hazardous waste, and which has derived less than 5% of its annual gross revenues in each of the preceding three years from its solid waste or hazardous waste operations in New Jersey.

As an alternative to the disclosure requirements set forth in the act, this bill would require any secondary business activity corporation seeking an "A901" license to submit to the DEP and the Attorney General all information filed during the preceding reporting year pursuant to the disclosure requirements of the federal "Securities Exchange Act of 1934," including, but not limited to:

- (1) The full name, business address and social security number, and primary business activity of all officers and directors of the corporation; and
- (2) The disclosure of all current prosecutions or pending charges in any jurisdiction against any officer or director of the corporation, including, but not limited to, prosecutions or charges for any of the crimes enumerated in section 8 of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-133) for which a license would be denied.

In addition, the bill would require all officers and key employees of the corporation who are involved in the firm's solid waste or hazardous waste operations in New Jersey to file an "A901" disclosure statement with the DEP and the Attorney General, and to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes.

The bill also would provide that upon good cause shown, the Attorney General may require any officer, director, partner, or key employee of a secondary business activity corporation and all persons holding more than 5% of the equity in or the debt liability of that corporation to file an "A901" disclosure statement with the DEP and the Attorney General, or to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes.

The bill recognizes that secondary business activity corporations and their officers and directors are subject to substantial scrutiny at the federal level and reports prepared for such purposes can be used by the State of New Jersey to confirm the propriety of issuing "A901" licenses to such firms.

Amends the "A901" solid and hazardous waste industry licensing law to exempt officers and directors in certain publicly traded corporations from the disclosure requirements of the act.

ASSEMBLY SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 1994

The Assembly Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee favorably reports an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 1883.

The Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 1883 amends the provisions of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-126 et seq.), commonly referred to as "A901" or the solid and hazardous waste industry licensing law, to limit the disclosure of personal history of certain officers and directors in publicly traded corporations peripheral to the waste industry.

P.L.1983, c.392, as revised by P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128.1 et al.), provides strict criteria for licensure of entities and individuals performing, or seeking to perform, most activities in the solid waste or hazardous waste collection and disposal The "A901" licensing law, under administration of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Law and Public Safety, requires each such individual and entity to submit to the Attorney General and the DEP a disclosure statement from which the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety performs a background investigation. The Division of Law in the Department of Law and Public Safety evaluates the information revealed by each investigation and prepares a report in which it concludes whether or not the DEP is precluded by the standards of "A901" from granting a license. The licensing standards are designed to preclude individuals or entities with criminal backgrouncs or a history of violations of environmental laws in this State or other jurisdictions from participation in waste management activities in New Jersey. The final decision as to licensure is made by the DEP.

The provisions of the substitute bill apply to any publicly traded comporation that is seeking an "A901" license whose revenue from solid waste or hazardous waste activities is less than 5% of its annual gross revenue. The substitute bill exempts the officers and directors of these so-called "secondary business activity corporations," who do not control the applicant's solid waste or hezardous waste operations in New Jersey, from the full disclosure requirements of P.L.1983, c.392.

Specifically, an applicant or permittee seeking an "A901" license may file a limited disclosure statement, and a person required to be listed in the disclosure statement is exempt from the act's fingerprint and personal history disclosure requirements, provided that the following criteria are met:

The applicant or permittee is a secondary business activity corporation; and

The person required to be listed in the disclosure statement is (1) a director or chief executive officer; or (2) an individual who does not have any responsibility for, or control of, the commercial solid waste or hazardous waste operations of the applicant, permittee or licensee conducted in New Jersey, and who will not exercise any such responsibility or control upon the issuance of a license by the DEP.

However, the Attorney General may require any such applicant, permittee or person to file a completed personal history disclosure form and a full disclosure statement, or to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes, if the Attorney General determines that there exists a reasonable suspicion that the additional information is likely to lead to information relevant to a determination regarding the approval or revocation of a license, or the severance of a disqualifying individual or entity, under the standards of "A901."

If the Attorney General requires any or all of this information, a written request for the additional information will be served upon the applicant, permittee or licensee. Within 60 days of receipt of a written request for additional information, the applicant, permittee or licensee may seek review of the Attorney General's determination in the Superior Court. If the applicant, permittee or licensee fails to provide the additional information to the Attorney General within 60 days of receipt of the written request, the Attorney General may file with the Superior Court a petition for an order requiring the applicant, permittee or licensee to provide the additional information. In a proceeding brought by either party, the applicant, permittee or licensee must demonstrate that the additional information requested is not likely to lead to information relevant to a determination regarding the approval or revocation of a license, or to the severance of a disqualifying person, under the standards of "A901." For good cause shown, the Court may review in camera the submission of th∈ Attorney General or the applicant, permittee or licensee, or any part thereof.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 1995

The Senate Environment Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1883 ACS.

This bill amends the provisions of P.L.1983, c.392 (C.13:1E-126 et seq.), commonly referred to as "A901" or the solid and hazardous waste industry licensing law, to limit the disclosure of personal history of certain officers and directors in publicly traded corporations peripheral to the waste industry.

P.L.1983, c.392, as revised by P.L.1991, c.269 (C.13:1E-128.1 et al.), provides strict criteria for licensure of entities and individuals performing, or seeking to perform, most activities in the solid waste or hazardous waste collection and disposal "A901" licensing law, under administration of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Law and Public Safety, requires each such individual and entity to submit to the Attorney General and the DEP a disclosure statement from which the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety performs a background investigation. The Division of Law in the Department of Law and Public Safety evaluates the information revealed by each investigation and prepares a report in which it concludes whether or not the DEP is precluded by the standards of "A901" from granting a license. The licensing standards are designed to preclude individuals or entities with criminal backgrounds or a history of violations of environmental laws in this State or other jurisdictions from participation in waste management activities in New Jersey. The final decision as to licensure is made by the DEP.

The provisions of the bill apply to any publicly traded corporation that is seeking an "A901" license whose revenue from solid waste or hazardous waste activities is less than 5% of its annual gross revenue. The bill exempts the officers and directors of these so-called "secondary business activity corporations," who do not control the applicant's solid waste or hazardous waste operations in New Jersey, from the fall disclosure requirements of P.L.1983, c.392.

Specifically, an applicant or permittee seeking an "A901" license may file a limited disclosure statement, and a person required to be listed in the disclosure statement is exempt from the act's fingerprint and personal history disclosure requirements, provided that the following criteria are met:

The applicant or permittee is a secondary business activity corporation; and

The person required to be listed in the disclosure statement is (1) a director or chief executive officer; or (2) an individual who does not have any responsibility for, or control of, the commercial solid waste or hazardous waste operations of the applicant, permittee or licensee conducted in New Jersey, and who will not exercise any such responsibility or control upon the issuance of a license by the DEP.

However, the Attorney General may require any such applicant, permittee or person to file a completed personal history disclosure form and a full disclosure statement, or to be fingerprinted for identification and investigation purposes, if the Attorney General determines that there exists a reasonable suspicion that the additional information is likely to lead to information relevant to a determination regarding the approval or revocation of a license, or the severance of a disqualifying individual or entity, under the standards of "A901."

If the Attorney General requires any or all of this information, a written request for the additional information will be served upon the applicant, permittee or licensee. Within 60 days of receipt of a written request for additional information, the applicant, permittee or licensee may seek review of the Attorney General's determination in the Superior Court. If the applicant, permittee or licensee fails to provide the additional information to the Attorney General within 60 days of receipt of the written request, the Attorney General may file with the Superior Court a petition for an order requiring the applicant, permittee or licensee to provide the additional information. In a proceeding brought by either party, the applicant, permittee or licensee must demonstrate that the additional information requested is not likely to lead to information relevant to a cetermination regarding the approval or revocation of a license, or to the severance of a disqualifying person, under the standards of "A901." For good cause shown, the Court may review in camera the submission of the Attorney General or the applicant, permittee or licensee, or any part thereof.

As reported by the Committee, A-1883 ACS is identical to S-1720.