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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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("Ocean
Dumping
Elimination Act")

LAWS OF: 1988

CHAPTER: 57

Bill No: A2840

Sponsor(s): Hardwick, Bennett & Hendrickson

Date Introduced: March 21, 1988

Committee: Assembly: Environmental Quality

Senate: -----

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Senate: March 23, 1988

Date of Approval: July 11, 1988

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Senate: Yes

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Public hearing concerning...water pollution, held
9-29-87. Middletown, 1987

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2840

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 21, 1988

By Assemblymen HARDWICK, BENNETT and Hendrickson

1 AN ACT ¹[banning] prohibiting¹ the ocean disposal of ¹sewage¹
2 sludge^{1,1} and supplementing P.L. 1977, c. 74.

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

6 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ocean
7 Sludge Dumping Elimination Act."

8 2. The Legislature finds that 2.8 million wet tons (1 million dry
9 pounds) of sewage sludge generated by 6 New Jersey ¹[sewage
10 treatment plants] municipal treatment works¹ each day are ocean
11 disposed at the federally designated 106-mile dump site; that
12 these sludges are ocean rather than land disposed in recognition
13 of the threat posed by the presence of contaminants; that the
14 United States Environmental Protection Agency has officially
15 affirmed a termination of ocean dumping as its adopted policy, a
16 goal undermined by continuing at-sea disposal of sewage sludge;
17 and that experts in deepwater ocean ecosystems have attested to
18 the deleterious effects of waste disposal on the ocean
19 environment.

20 3. The provisions of any other law, rule or regulation to the
21 contrary notwithstanding, ¹[sewage treatment plants shall
22 terminate the disposal of sludge into the ocean waters of the
23 State] municipal treatment works are prohibited from disposing
24 of sludge in ocean waters¹ by March 17, 1991.

25 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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31 "The Ocean Sludge Dumping Elimination Act;" prohibits ocean
disposal of sludge as of March 17, 1991.

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 underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AEQ committee amendments adopted May 2, 1988.

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STATEMENT

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This bill requires the termination of sewage sludge disposal in
29 the ocean by March 17, 1991. On that date, the federal
designation for the 106-mile dump site expires. The 6 New
31 Jersey sewage authorities currently utilizing the site must
therefore begin to develop land-based sludge management
33 alternatives in order to comply with the deadline imposed in this
bill.

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5 disposal of sludge as of March 17, 1991.

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2840

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 20, 1988

Assembly Bill No. 2840, with committee amendments, is reported favorably by the committee.

Entitled the "Ocean Sludge Dumping Elimination Act," this bill requires municipal treatment works to terminate the disposal of sludge into ocean waters by March 17, 1991. That date is also the target date set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for terminating sewage sludge disposal at the 106-mile ocean dump site.

This bill, as amended, is intended to be identical to Senate, No. 2337 1R.

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Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed five bills consistent with his 14 point plan to control ocean pollution.

A-2840/S-2337, sponsored by Assembly Speaker Chuck Hardwick, R-Union, Assemblyman John Bennett, R-Monmouth and Senator James Hurley, R-Cumberland, prohibits municipal treatment works from disposing of sludge in ocean waters by March 17, 1991. March 17, 1991 is the date that federally issued permits for the dumping of sludge at the 106 mile site expire.

Recognizing that this legislation cannot affect the continued use of the 106 mile site by New York, Governor Kean also signed AJR-62/SJR-46, sponsored by Senate President John F. Russo, D-Ocean, Assemblyman John Bennett, R-Monmouth and Assembly Speaker Chuck Hardwick, R-Union, memorializing the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to end all ocean dumping of sludge when the present permits expire in 1991.

Governor Kean has strongly supported federal legislation now moving through Congress requiring the EPA to end ocean dumping.

Governor Kean also signed:

S-2338/A-2842, sponsored by Senator Frank Pallone, D-Monmouth, Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, R-Essex and Assemblyman Robert Smith, D-Middlesex, requires all sludge from municipal treatment works meet land application criteria by March 17, 1991.

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