

HR 7163

Medical Waste Management Act of 2008

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medical Waste Management Act of 2008 - Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to: (1) revise the definition of "medical waste"; (2) require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to promulgate regulations listing types of medical waste; and (3) require the Administrator to conduct a medical waste management program to protect human health and the environment and promulgate regulations on tracking, labeling, packaging, storing, handling, monitoring, and disposing of medical waste.

Requires a generator of medical waste to: (1) provide waste transporters with an assurance that the generator has complied with labeling, packaging, and storage requirements and a manifest form for transporting such waste; (2) register with the Administrator; and (3) provide the Administrator with the name of waste transporters. Requires transporters to: (1) not accept medical waste from a generator without receiving such assurance; (2) register with the Administrator; and (3) disclose to the Administrator the number and type of vehicles used to transport medical waste and the equipment and methods used to ensure segregation and handling of such waste. Requires owners or operators of disposal facilities to: (1) provide notice of the disposal of medical waste to the generator; and (2) register with the Administrator. Authorizes the Administrator to set registration requirements and collect reasonable registration fees.

Sets forth provisions concerning inspections, public records, and enforcement under this Act.

Requires the Administrator to establish a program to educate the public about, and increase access to, acceptable methods for disposal of used syringes generated by individuals through personal use outside of medical facilities. Provides that disposal in household garbage is not an acceptable method.

Requires the Administrator to study and report on medical waste generated and its management and disposal.

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