

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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## **Senate Bill 688**

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §22-15-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to correcting a technical error within the Solid Waste Management Act.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §22-15-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 15. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT.**

**§22-15-10. Prohibitions; permits required.**

1 (a) Open dumps are prohibited and it is unlawful for any person to create, contribute to or  
2 operate an open dump or for any landowner to allow an open dump to exist on the landowner's  
3 property unless that open dump is under a compliance schedule approved by the director. Such  
4 compliance schedule shall contain an enforceable sequence of actions leading to compliance and  
5 shall not exceed two years. Open dumps operated prior to April 1, ~~1998~~ 1988, by a landowner or  
6 tenant for the disposal of solid waste generated by the landowner or tenant at his or her residence  
7 or farm are not a violation of this section if such open dump did not constitute a violation of law  
8 on January 1, ~~1998~~ 1988, and unauthorized dumps which were created by unknown persons do  
9 not constitute a violation of this section: *Provided*, That no person may contribute additional solid  
10 waste to any such dump after April 1, ~~1998~~ 1988, except that the owners of the land on which  
11 unauthorized dumps have been or are being made are not liable for such unauthorized dumping  
12 unless such landowners refuse to cooperate with the division in stopping such unauthorized  
13 dumping.

14 (b) It is unlawful for any person, unless the person holds a valid permit from the division,  
15 to install, establish, construct, modify, operate or abandon any solid waste facility. All approved  
16 solid waste facilities shall be installed, established, constructed, modified, operated or abandoned  
17 in accordance with this article, plans, specifications, orders, instructions and rules in effect.

18 (c) Any permit issued under this article shall be issued in compliance with the requirements  
19 of this article, its rules and article eleven of this chapter and the rules promulgated thereunder, so

20 that only a single permit is required of a solid waste facility under these two articles. Each permit  
21 issued under this article shall have a fixed term not to exceed five years: *Provided*, That the  
22 director may administratively extend a permit beyond its five-year term if the approved solid waste  
23 facility is in compliance with this article, its rules and article eleven of this chapter and the rules  
24 promulgated thereunder: *Provided, however*, That such administrative extension may not be for  
25 more than one year. Upon expiration of a permit, renewal permits may be issued in compliance  
26 with rules promulgated by the director.

27 (d) For existing solid waste facilities which formerly held division of health permits which  
28 expired by law and for which complete permit applications for new permits pursuant to this article  
29 were submitted as required by law, the division may enter an administrative order to govern solid  
30 waste activities at such facilities, which may include a compliance schedule, consistent with the  
31 requirements of the division's solid waste management rules, to be effective until final action is  
32 taken to issue or deny a permit for such facility pursuant to this article, or until further order of the  
33 division.

34 (e) No person may dispose in the state of any solid waste in a manner which endangers  
35 the environment or the public health, safety or welfare as determined by the director: *Provided*,  
36 That the carcasses of dead animals may be disposed of in any solid waste facility or in any other  
37 manner as provided for in this code. Upon request by the director, the Commissioner of the  
38 Bureau for Public Health shall provide technical advice concerning the disposal of solid waste or  
39 carcasses of dead animals within the state.

40 (f) A commercial solid waste facility shall not discriminate in favor of or against the receipt  
41 of any waste otherwise eligible for disposal at the facility based on its geographic origin.

42 (g) In addition to all the requirements of this article and the rules promulgated hereunder,  
43 a permit to construct a new commercial solid waste facility or to expand the spatial area of an  
44 existing facility may not be issued unless the Public Service Commission has granted a certificate  
45 of need as provided in section one-c, article two, chapter twenty-four of this code. ~~If the director~~

46 ~~approves a permit or permit modification, the certificate of need shall become a part of the permit~~  
47 ~~and all conditions contained in the certificate of need shall be conditions of the permit and may~~  
48 ~~be enforced by the division in accordance with the provisions of this article.~~ If the director approves  
49 a permit or permit modification, the certificate of need shall become a part of the permit and all  
50 conditions contained in the certificate of need shall be conditions of the permit and may be  
51 enforced by the division in accordance with the provisions of this article: *Provided*, That the  
52 provisions of this subsection do not apply to materials recovery facilities or mixed waste  
53 processing facilities as defined by section two, article fifteen, chapter twenty-two of this code,  
54 except within a 35-mile radius of a facility sited in a karst geological region and which has been  
55 permitted by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection as a mixed waste  
56 processing facility and has received a certificate of need by July 1, 2016.

57 (h) The director shall promulgate legislative rules pursuant to article three, chapter twenty-  
58 nine-a of this code which reflect the purposes as set forth in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to correct a technical error as it relates to several dates listed in subsection (a), section ten, article fifteen, chapter twenty-two of this code.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.