



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 613

November 19, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD and BLACK.
Referred to Committee on Environment.

- 1 **AN ACT to repeal** 287.11 (2) (dm) of the statutes; **relating to:** effective recycling
2 program criteria.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits the disposal of listed recyclable materials in a landfill. The prohibition does not apply to any city, village, town, county or other governmental unit that is responsible for the region's solid waste management (responsible unit) and that operates an effective recycling program. A recycling program is an effective recycling program if it meets specified criteria, including informing residents of the reasons to recycle, providing for the separation of recyclable materials from waste destined for landfills and providing for the processing and marketing of recyclable materials collected in the region. In addition to the exception from the disposal prohibition, a responsible unit that administers an effective recycling program is eligible for a state grant to reimburse the responsible unit for some of its costs incurred operating the effective recycling program. The amount of the grants statewide total roughly \$24 million annually.

Beginning in 1997, a responsible unit's recycling program is an effective recycling program only if the responsible unit has in place a system of volume-based solid waste fees to generate revenue equal to the responsible unit's costs for solid waste management other than those reimbursed by the state. This criterion does not apply to any responsible unit that separates for recycling at least 25% by volume or by weight of the solid waste collected within the region by the responsible unit or by any person under contract with the responsible unit. This criterion also does not apply to a responsible unit that provides solid waste to an operating solid waste treatment facility under a contract that was in effect on January 1, 1993.

