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SENATE BILL 863

Short Title: Hypodermic Syringe Disposal.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Smith.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING DISPOSAL OF HYPODERMIC SYRINGES AND NEEDLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90A-113.4A reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-113.4A. ~~Destroying~~ Disposal of hypodermic syringes and needles ~~needs.~~ before discarding.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any firm, organization, corporation, hospital, or medical clinic, or their agents or employees to discard a hypodermic syringe or needle unless such instrument is ~~unbroken and~~ placed in an incinerator under rules adopted by the Commission for Health Services. ~~or in a hardwalled container and disposed of in a sanitary landfill. Provided, however, that any such instrument that is accidentally broken shall be disposed of in a like manner.~~

(b) ~~This section shall not apply to the discarding of such instruments after personal use by individuals who are under the care of a physician.~~

(c) ~~Further, this section shall not apply to the discarding of such instruments after the use for the treatment of livestock.~~

(d) Violation of this section shall be a general misdemeanor."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and applies to hypodermic syringes and needles disposed of on or after that date.