

1 H.403

2 Introduced by Representatives Weston of Burlington, Bray of New Haven,

3 Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro and Klein of

4 East Montpelier

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Conservation and development; air pollution control; waste

8 management; energy; incineration plants

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to prohibit the construction and
10 operation of plants for the incineration of solid or human waste or both.

11 An act relating to prohibiting plants for the incineration of solid or human
12 waste

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 559 is added to read:

15 § 559. INCINERATION PLANTS

16 (a) As used in this section:

17 (1) "Human waste" means byproducts of human digestion, including
18 feces and urine.

19 (2) "Incineration plant" means any stationary or mobile technical unit
20 and equipment dedicated to the thermal treatment of solid waste or human

1 waste or both, with or without recovery of the combustion heat generated or
2 use as a fuel or source of energy.

3 (3) "Solid waste" means any discarded garbage, refuse, septage, sludge
4 from a waste treatment plant, water supply plant, or pollution control facility
5 and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained
6 gaseous materials resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural
7 operations and from community activities.

8 (4) "Thermal treatment" means the application of high temperatures to
9 wastes, and includes combustion, oxidation, pyrolysis, gasification, and plasma
10 processes.

11 (b) No person may construct or operate an incineration plant in the state.

12 (c) This section does not prohibit the use, for generation of electricity, of
13 methane gas and other flammable gases produced by the decay of sewage
14 treatment plant wastes or solid wastes in a landfill certified by the state, or by
15 the anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, byproducts, or wastes.