FINAL BILL REPORT SHB 1429

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Penalizing cigarette discard.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Sump, O'Brien, Sullivan, Mielke, Mulliken and Sherstad).

House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

Background: The penalty for littering is a civil infraction. Littering in amounts of one cubic foot or less is subject to a penalty of \$50. Littering in amounts greater than one cubic foot is subject to penalty of up to \$250 and a cleanup fee of \$25 per cubic foot of litter.

Summary: The penalty for litter infractions involving a cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco product is increased to \$500 dollars, if the illegally discarded object is capable of starting a fire.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0 Senate 45 0

Effective: July 27, 1997