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House Bill 4907

Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Scott

Committee: Conservation, Recreation, &  
Environment

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4907 AS INTRODUCED 6-7-89**

The bill would amend the Environmental Response Act to establish a procedure for the declaration of a hazardous substance emergency. The bill would specify that the Commission of Natural Resources would have to devote a portion of its agenda at each of its scheduled meetings to public comment on problems, conditions, and irregularities involving hazardous substances or environmental contamination, or both. If the commission found problems that required immediate attention in order to protect the safety, health and welfare of the public or the environment, it could recommend a declaration of a hazardous substance emergency to the governor. When declaring a hazardous substance emergency, the governor would designate a lead agency to investigate and remedy the condition or practice causing the hazardous substance emergency and would issue specific guidelines as were necessary to respond to the hazardous substance emergency.

The bill would also delete references to the Toxic Substance Control Commission from act.

(Note: The bill suggests that the governor would issue specific guidelines to respond to emergencies; however, the apparent intent of the bill is to require the lead agency to perform this function.)

The bill would take effect April 15, 1990 and is tie-barred to House Bills 4892 and 4893 which would, respectively, repeal the Toxic Substance Control Commission Act and add two members to the Commission of Natural Resources.

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