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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5648 AS INTRODUCED 5-19-88

The bill would amend the Environmental Response Act to require the Commission of Natural Resources to devote a portion of its agenda at each of its meetings to public comment on problems, conditions, and irregularities involving hazardous substances or environmental contamination, or both. If the commission found that a condition or practice existed that required immediate action to protect the public health, safety, or welfare or the environment from serious injury due to environmental contamination, the commission would be required to recommend that the governor declare a hazardous substance emergency. The governor would be required to declare a hazardous substance emergency if he or she found that a condition or practice existed that required immediate action to protect the public health, safety, or welfare or the environment from serious injury due to environmental contamination. If the governor declared an emergency under the bill, he or she would designate a lead agency to investigate and remedy the condition causing the emergency and would issue specific guidelines as were necessary to respond to the emergency.

The bill would take effect April 15, 1989 and is tie-barred to House Bill 5644 and a bill that has not been introduced.

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