

(3) (I) "INFECTIOUS WASTE" MEANS ANY WASTE THAT COMES FROM A HOSPITAL, CLINIC, OR LABORATORY AND THAT IS KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH ORGANISMS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING DISEASE OR INFECTION IN HUMANS.

(II) "INFECTIOUS WASTE" INCLUDES:

- 1. DISPOSABLE EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS, AND UTENSILS;
- 2. CONTAMINATED NEEDLES, SCALPELS, AND RAZOR BLADES;
- 3. HUMAN TISSUES AND ORGANS THAT RESULT FROM SURGERY, OBSTETRICS, OR AUTOPSY;
- 4. FECES, URINE, VOMITUS, AND SUCTIONINGS;
- 5. LIVE VACCINES FOR HUMAN USE;
- 6. BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS; AND
- 7. LABORATORY SPECIMENS, SUCH AS TISSUES, BLOOD ELEMENTS, EXCRETA, AND SECRETIONS.

~~(B) -- SCOPE OF SECTION --~~

~~THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT A PERSON FROM DISPOSING OF INFECTIOUS WASTE, OR CAUSING INFECTIOUS WASTE TO BE DISPOSED OF, IN AN INCINERATOR.~~

~~(e) (B) DISPOSAL OF INFECTIOUS WASTE IN LANDFILL SYSTEM.~~

A HOSPITAL, CLINIC, OR LABORATORY MAY NOT DISPOSE OF INFECTIOUS WASTE, OR CAUSE INFECTIOUS WASTE TO BE DISPOSED OF, IN A LANDFILL SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.

~~(B) (C) SECRETARY TO ASSIST IN MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION.~~

THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN THIS STATE FOR MONITORING AND ENFORCING SUBSECTION ~~(e) (B)~~ OF THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former HE § 9-210(g).

The General Assembly may wish to consider amending the definition of "infectious waste" in subsection (a)(3) of this section to take into account other relevant factors. For example, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has a lengthy definition of