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sHB-6503

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES ON FARMS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 7441)

House Calendar No.: 381

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill alters the law's siting and permitting exemption for on-farm anaerobic digestion (AD) facilities.

Current law exempts certain AD facilities from the requirement that operators obtain a solid waste facilities permit from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Instead, the bill requires DEEP to approve or deny AD facilities permit applications within 180 days. This has no fiscal impact as it is anticipated that existing agency staff can perform the permit review and make determinations within the specified timeframe.

House "A" altered the underlying bill by increasing, from 90 to 180 days, the time DEEP has to make an AD permit determination.

The agency currently employs eight full-time staff who work, on average, 170 days over a 12-18-month period to process solid waste facility-specific permits.

The bill makes other changes which are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None