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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 482 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet  
Committee: Health Policy

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 138 (Medical Waste) of the Public Health Code to allow facilities that produce medical waste (producing facilities) to store medical waste in a sharps container for longer than 90 days if the sharps container were not filled to more than 75% capacity.

MCL 333.13809 & 333.13810

**BRIEF RATIONALE**

Updating Michigan's statute concerning the disposal of sharps containers would generate less medical waste from producing facilities. According to testimony, Federal standards say that sharps containers should be replaced at 75% capacity but State statute requires the containers to be discarded every 90 days.<sup>1</sup> This generates excess waste in producing facilities that do not fill up a sharps container to 75% capacity every 90 days, particularly those in rural areas, and so the codification of Federal standards has been suggested.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services or local units of government.

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<sup>1</sup> United States Food and Drug Administration, *Best Way to Get Rid of Used Needles and Other Sharps*, August 10, 2023.