

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5093

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As Passed Senate, February 16, 2001

**Title:** An act relating to unlawful dumping of litter.

**Brief Description:** Modifying provisions concerning the unlawful dumping of solid waste.

**Sponsors:** Senators T. Sheldon, Oke and Rasmussen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines: 1/22/01, 1/24/01 [DP].  
Passed Senate: 2/16/01, 43-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; Constantine, McDonald, Oke, Snyder and Stevens.

**Staff:** David Johnson (786-7754)

**Background:** Illegal garbage dumping on rural lands has been an increasing problem for several years. Last year the Legislature increased the penalties for unlawful garbage dumping in unincorporated areas. The bill contained a typographical error which transposed the word unincorporated– where incorporated– should have been.

**Summary of Bill:** The error in the garbage dumping statute is corrected. It is a civil infraction to dump more than one cubic foot of garbage in an incorporated area.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This is a technical cleanup bill. The underlying law is a helpful step in combating garbage dumping.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Senator Tim Sheldon, prime sponsor.