

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 16, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1717** by Pierson (Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Occupations Code to require that a metal recycling entity collect a set of fingerprints from individuals attempting to sell regulated material. In addition, the bill would increase the required holding period for regulated materials prior to disposal processing, sale, or removal from three days to five days. The bill would prohibit a metal recycling facility from paying cash for purchases of regulated material, requiring instead that they mail to the seller's home or business address a draft drawn on a depository account of a financial institution that has its main operating office or a branch in this state. This analysis assumes that the costs of implementing the provisions of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within the current resources of the Department of Public Safety.

This Act would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety

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