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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker and Rasmussen)

Brief Title: Requiring microbial inactivation of biomedical waste.

**SB 5082-S.E - DIGEST**

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Finds that laboratory-generated cultures and stocks are the most dangerous portion of the biomedical waste stream. It is the purpose of this act to require the microbial inactivation of cultures and stocks.

Provides that generators of cultures and stocks shall treat those cultures and stocks before final disposal in either of the following ways: (1) The generators may treat the cultures and stocks before transport from the facility; or

(2) segregate the cultures and stocks from other biomedical waste and transport them to a treatment facility. Cultures and stocks shall not be subject to any process that creates the potential for the generation or release of airborne pathogens from the waste before treatment.