

PA 99-96-sHB 6659*Public Health Committee**Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee**Environment Committee*

OPH-14

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

SUMMARY: This act narrows the definition of "asbestos abatement," by excluding abatement of certain asbestos-containing material that cannot be crumbled or pulverized by hand pressure (called "nonfriable" material). In effect, it exempts anyone abating only such materials from the licensure, recordkeeping, notice, handling, and disposal requirements related to asbestos abatement projects. Nonfriable materials generally include asbestos-containing roofing materials, siding, or cement. The act excludes nonfriable asbestos-containing material that is (1) located outside a building or structure and (2) not "regulated asbestos-containing material" as defined by federal regulations. "Regulated asbestos-containing material" includes material that might otherwise be nonfriable (i.e., exempt under the act) but that (1) has become or is highly likely to become friable or (2) has been or may be sanded, ground, cut, or scraped.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1999