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May Passes Bill to Expand Industrial Recycling

SPRINGFIELD, IL – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) passed legislation out of the House last Thursday to expand industrial recycling of clean construction and demolition debris and materials, thereby diverting 20% of all landfill material.

“When buildings are built or demolished, a lot of the resulting debris and material is reusable or recyclable, but now most is added to landfills,” May said. “In this economy, people are looking for more affordable materials and we have an opportunity to help build green collar businesses and jobs here in Lake County.”

Senate Bill 125 will allow waste management companies in Lake County to more easily accept construction materials that can be reused or recycled. The legislation removes a \$200,000 siting process that companies seeking to recycle construction material currently face. They would instead be able to seek approval from the Illinois Environmental Agency in a cheaper and more streamlined manner. Currently, Cook and DuPage Counties have this ability and May’s legislation will expand the current law to cover Lake County as well.

“We have now put in place construction site protections while encouraging recycling and job creation,” May said. “I will continue to find ways to make it easier and cheaper for businesses and individuals to go green and help make our environment healthier.”

Senate Bill 125 now goes back to the Senate for final approval. For more information, visit www.ilga.gov, or contact May at (847) 433-9100.

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