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May Legislation to Expand Industrial Recycling Signed Into Law

Highland Park, IL – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) announced on Thursday that legislation to expand industrial recycling of clean construction and demolition debris was signed into law by Governor Quinn.

“It is estimated that 20 percent of all landfill materials come from building construction, so if we can divert this material, we will make progress toward protecting our earth,” May said. “We must find ways to properly dispose building debris in an environmentally safe and efficient way and by removing barriers towards recycling we will encourage more participation.”

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 bureaucratic road block that companies seeking to recycle construction material currently face. The companies instead will be able to seek approval from the Illinois Environmental Agency in a cheaper more efficient manner. Currently, only Cook and DuPage counties have this ability, but Rep. May’s legislation will expand current law to include Lake County as well.

“Improving opportunities to recycle debris from construction material will help the economy by creating green collar jobs throughout the state,” May said. “We need to continue expanding these environmentally friendly opportunities to help ensure that, as we build, we do so in a way that is responsible and good for the environment.”

For more information on the new law or any other local environmental issue, please contact May’s constituent service office at 847-433-9100 or email her at Karen@repkarenmay.org.

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