

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1149

AN ACT

To repeal sections 227.240 and 644.054, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to the regulation of water.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Sections 227.240 and 644.054, RSMo, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.1848, 227.240, 644.054, 644.587, 644.588, and 644.589, to read as follows:

67.1848. All public water supply districts, sewer districts, and municipalities, including villages, shall have the right to lay, install, construct, repair, and maintain sewer and water lines in public highways, roads, streets, and alleys, subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of governmental bodies having jurisdiction of such public places. Due regard shall be taken for the rights of the public in its use of thoroughfares and the equal rights of other utilities thereto.

227.240. 1. The location and removal of all telephone, cable television, and electric light and power transmission lines, poles, wires, and conduits and all pipelines and tramways, erected or constructed, or hereafter to be erected or constructed by any corporation, municipality, public water supply district,

sewer district, association or persons, within the right-of-way of any state highway, insofar as the public travel and traffic is concerned, and insofar as the same may interfere with the construction or maintenance of any such highway, shall be under the control and supervision of the state highways and transportation commission. Nothing contained in this section shall lessen, remove, or eliminate property rights bestowed upon sewer districts established under the Missouri Constitution at their creation.

2. A cable television corporation or company shall be permitted to place its lines within the right-of-way of any state highway, consistent with the rules and regulations of the state highways and transportation commission. The state highways and transportation commission shall establish a system for receiving and resolving complaints with respect to cable television lines placed in, or removed from, the right-of-way of a state highway.

3. The commission or some officer selected by the commission shall serve a written notice upon the entity, person or corporation owning or maintaining any such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines, or tramways, which notice shall contain a plan or chart indicating the places on the right-of-way at which such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines or tramways may be maintained. The notice shall also state the time when the work of hard surfacing said roads is proposed to commence, and shall further state that a hearing shall be had upon the proposed plan of location and matters incidental thereto, giving the place and date of such hearing. Immediately after such hearing the said owner shall be given a notice of the

findings and orders of the commission and shall be given a reasonable time thereafter to comply therewith; provided, however, that the effect of any change ordered by the commission shall not be to remove all or any part of such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines or tramways from the right-of-way of the highway. The removal of the same shall be made at the cost and expense of the owners thereof unless otherwise provided by said commission, and in the event of the failure of such owners to remove the same at the time so determined they may be removed by the state highways and transportation commission, or under its direction, and the cost thereof collected from such owners, and such owners shall not be liable in any way to any person for the placing and maintaining of such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines and tramways at the places prescribed by the commission.

4. The commission is authorized in the name of the state of Missouri to institute and maintain, through the attorney general, such suits and actions as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this section. Any corporation, association or the officers or agents of such corporations or associations, or any other person who shall erect or maintain any such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines or tramways, within the right-of-way of such roads which are hard-surfaced, which are not in accordance with such orders of the commission, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

644.054. 1. Fees imposed in sections 644.052 and 644.053 shall, except for those fees imposed pursuant to subsection 4 and subsections 6 to 13 of section 644.052, become effective October

1, 1990, and shall expire December 31, [2007] 2009. Fees imposed pursuant to subsection 4 and subsections 6 to 13 of section 644.052 shall become effective August 28, 2000, and shall expire on December 31, [2007] 2009. The clean water commission shall promulgate rules and regulations on the procedures for billing and collection. All sums received through the payment of fees shall be placed in the state treasury and credited to an appropriate subaccount of the natural resources protection fund created in section 640.220, RSMo. Moneys in the subaccount shall be expended, upon appropriation, solely for the administration of sections 644.006 to 644.141. Fees collected pursuant to subsection 10 of section 644.052 by a city, a public sewer district, a public water district or other publicly owned treatment works are state fees. Five percent of the fee revenue collected shall be retained by the city, public sewer district, public water district or other publicly owned treatment works as reimbursement of billing and collection expenses.

2. The commission may grant a variance pursuant to section 644.061 to reduce fees collected pursuant to section 644.052 for facilities that adopt systems or technologies that reduce the discharge of water contaminants substantially below the levels required by commission rules.

3. Fees imposed in subsections 2 to 6 of section 644.052 shall be due [in accordance with the following schedule after August 27, 2000:

(1) For new or renewed permits, fees shall be due] on the date of application and on each anniversary date of permit issuance thereafter until the permit is terminated[;

(2) For permits in effect on August 27, 2000, fees shall be due on each anniversary date of permit issuance until the permit is terminated;

(3) For general permits issued pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (4) of subsection 6 of section 644.052 and in effect on August 27, 2000, the permittee will be credited thirty dollars on each anniversary date of permit issuance that falls between August 27, 2000, and the date the permit expires].

4. There shall be convened a joint committee appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives to consider proposals for restructuring the fees imposed in sections 644.052 and 644.053. The committee shall review stormwater programs, the state's implementation of the federal clean water program, and related state clean water responsibilities and evaluate the costs to the state for maintaining the programs. The committee shall prepare and submit a report, including recommendations on funding the state clean water program and stormwater programs, to the governor, the house of representatives, and the senate no later than December 31, 2008.

644.587. In addition to those sums authorized prior to August 28, 2007, the board of fund commissioners of the state of Missouri, as authorized by section 37(e) of article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri, may borrow on the credit of this state the sum of ten million dollars in the manner described, and for the purposes set out, in chapter 640, RSMo, and this chapter.

644.588. In addition to those sums authorized prior to

August 28, 2007, the board of fund commissioners of the state of Missouri, as authorized by section 37(q) of article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri, may borrow on the credit of this state the sum of ten million dollars in the manner described, and for the purposes set out, in chapter 640, RSMo, and in this chapter.

644.589. In addition to those sums authorized prior to August 28, 2007, the board of fund commissioners of the state of Missouri, as authorized by section 37(h) of article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri, may borrow on the credit of this state the sum of twenty million dollars in the manner described, and for the purposes set out, in chapter 640, RSMo, and in this chapter.