

HB 1801 -- Regulation of Sewage Disposal Companies

Sponsor: Wood

This bill requires residential and commercial septage removal companies to register with the Department of Natural Resources. The registration form will require the business to:

- (1) Provide its name, postal address, physical address, and telephone number;
- (2) List all counties where the business operates or intends to operate;
- (3) Provide the name of the owner or a person for the receipt of service of process;
- (4) Certify that all information is correct; and
- (5) Pay a fee established by the department to cover registration expenses.

Businesses must notify the department of any changes in the information provided for registration. Registration must be renewed every four years by paying a renewal fee.

Businesses removing sewage must maintain a record of the removal and disposal of waste that includes:

- (1) An estimate of the amount of waste removed;
- (2) The date of removal;
- (3) The location where the waste was discharged, land-applied, or treated; and
- (4) The time of discharge, land-application, or treatment.

The department may make rules regarding the registration process and must provide each county health department with a list of registered waste disposal businesses. The list may be posted on the Internet and notice may be electronic.

Nonprofit sewer companies organized under Section 393.175 and Sections 393.825 - 393.861, RSMo, will be allowed to operate as nonprofit water companies under Sections 393.900 - 393.951 if they are not located in a rural or municipal water district.

Publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities will not be subject to a fine or penalty for exceeding state or federal

discharge limits if excessive discharge was caused by the acceptance and treatment of waste from a registered business. Facilities must take reasonable steps to prevent environmental damage if excessive discharge occurs. The bill does not alter any reporting requirements.