

HB 828 -- Regulation of Sewage Disposal Companies

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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 a service of process;
- (4) Certify that all information is correct; and
- (5) Pay a fee established by the department to cover registration costs.

Businesses must notify the department of any changes to their registration information. 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; and
- (3) The location and time when the waste was discharged, land-applied, or treated.

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

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