

HB 604 -- 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 and physical address, and telephone number;
- (2) List all counties where the business operates or intends to operate. If the business operates in a county not listed on the form, it must notify the department within 30 days;
- (3) Provide the name of the owner or a person for the receipt of a service of process;
- (4) Certify in a signed statement that all information is correct; and
- (5) Pay a fee established by the department in an amount sufficient to recover the cost of implementing the registration program.

Businesses must notify the department of any changes to their registration information, and 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 which must, upon request, be made available to the department, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and any county health department. The record must include:

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

Beginning June 1, 2009, the department must annually provide each county health department with an updated list of registered waste disposal businesses. The list may be posted on the Internet and notice given electronically to the county health departments.