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HOUSE BILL 1421

Short Title: Rural Septage Management Program.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative H. Hunter; and Ives.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 17, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR EXISTING RURAL RESIDENCES THAT ARE NOT SERVED BY ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OR PUBLIC OR COMMUNITY SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-291.1 is amended by adding three new subsections to read:

"(g) The Department shall establish and administer a wastewater pump and haul management program or any other programs that the Department determines are necessary to provide existing rural primary residences that are not served by properly functioning on-site wastewater systems or connected to public or community sanitary sewage systems, or that are using privies for domestic sewage disposal. This program shall serve as a model for any local programs that are established under subsection (b) of this section. The Department shall publish a comprehensive on-site wastewater management manual to enhance the use, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of such systems.

(h) The Department may approve the use of the pump and haul method of wastewater management and the establishment of a local pump and haul management program when:

(1) The local health department has determined that a residence cannot be served by a properly functioning on-site wastewater system and cannot be served by a public or community sanitary sewage system.

- 1 (2) The residence was constructed prior to July 1, 1993.
2 (3) The residence is used as a primary dwelling unit.
3 (4) Either the county or the municipality in which the residence is located
4 will establish a pump and haul management program that will include
5 any necessary rules, fees, and remedies.
6 (5) Either the county or the municipality in which the residence is located
7 will administer and manage the local program for the pump and haul
8 method of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal.
9 (6) The septage collected from such residences will be disposed of and
10 treated in facilities approved by the Department.

11 (i) A county or municipality may enter into contracts in order to implement its
12 pump and haul management program established under subsection (h) of this section."

13 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
14 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of one million two hundred
15 thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year to implement this act. The
16 funds appropriated shall be used as follows:

- 17 (1) The Department shall use \$100,000 for costs of publishing a
18 comprehensive on-site wastewater management manual pursuant to
19 G.S. 130A-291.1(g), as enacted by Section 1 of this act; and
20 (2) The Department shall distribute the remaining \$1,100,000 as grants to
21 units of local government for the following:
22 a. Construction, expansion, or modifications of wastewater
23 treatment and disposal facilities to render them able to handle
24 pump and haul wastes managed under the pump and haul
25 management program.
26 b. Renovation of existing residences to provide holding tanks that
27 are constructed to separately receive storage waste for the water
28 closets and kitchen sink (black water) and all other wastewaters
29 (grey water).
30 c. Purchase of necessary equipment required by a county or
31 municipality for the hauling of the wastewater to a wastewater
32 treatment and disposal facility.

33 The Department shall determine the number of grants to award and the
34 amount of each grant.

35 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.