

HB 1713 -- WASTEWATER TREATMENT

SPONSOR: Remole

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COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Utilities by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide any municipality or community currently served by a wastewater treatment system with information regarding options to upgrade the existing lagoon system to meet discharge requirements. The information must include available advanced technologies including biological treatment options. The municipality or community, or a third party it hires, may conduct an analysis, including feasibility and cost, of available options to meet the discharge requirements. If upgrading or expanding the existing system is feasible, cost effective and will meet the discharge requirements, the department must allow the entity to implement the option.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that one of the largest concerns for rural communities is the cost of water and wastewater treatment. Many communities have to acquire large loans to finance upgrades to their wastewater treatment facilities. However, there are new and emerging technologies available for wastewater treatment and the department should provide information about all available options to communities and allow them to use the option that is most cost effective.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Remole; Flotron & McIntosh; and Missouri Municipal League.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill spoke about the technology available for wastewater treatment. The department also spoke about its Community Services Program, which works with communities to look at all the options available to them and find the most practical solutions.

Testifying on the bill were Vinay Patel, Enviro Science Technologies; Bo Higgins, Heartland Environmental Distributors; and Missouri Department Of Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1713

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REMOLE.

5243H.01I

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 644, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to wastewater treatment systems.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 644, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 644.200, to read as follows:

644.200. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department of natural resources shall provide any entity offering wastewater disposal or treatment services to a municipality or community currently served by a lagoon-based treatment system with information regarding options to upgrade the existing lagoon-based system to meet any new or existing discharge requirements. The information provided shall include available advanced technologies including biological treatment options.

2. The entity offering wastewater disposal or treatment services shall conduct an analysis of available options to meet any new or existing discharge requirements including, but not limited to, the construction or installation of a new wastewater collection or treatment facility, connection to an existing collection or treatment facility outside the municipality or community, and upgrading or expanding the existing wastewater treatment system. The analysis shall include an examination of the feasibility and the cost of each option.

3. If upgrading or expanding the existing wastewater treatment system is feasible and cost effective and will enable the system to meet the discharge requirements, the department shall allow the entity to implement such option.

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HCS HB 1713 -- WASTEWATER TREATMENT (Remole)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment

This bill specifies that if an applicant for a construction or operating permit under the Missouri Clean Water Law is registered and in good standing as a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other business organization in this state, the continuing authority requirements are deemed satisfied.

The Department of Natural Resources must to provide any municipality or community currently served by a wastewater treatment system with information regarding options to upgrade the existing lagoon system to meet discharge requirements. The information must include available advanced technologies including biological treatment options. The municipality or community, or a third party it hires, may conduct an analysis, including feasibility and cost, of available options to meet the discharge requirements. If upgrading or expanding the existing system is feasible, cost effective and will meet the discharge requirements, the department must allow the entity to implement the option.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1713

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5243H.02P

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 644, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to wastewater treatment systems, with an emergency clause for a certain section.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 644, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be
2 known as sections 644.180 and 644.200, to read as follows:

644.180. If an applicant for a construction or operating permit under the provisions
2 **of this chapter is registered and in good standing as a corporation, partnership, limited**
3 **liability company, or other business organization in this state, the continuing authority**
4 **requirement under 10 CSR 20-6.010(3) shall be deemed satisfied.**

644.200. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department of natural
2 **resources shall provide any municipality or community currently served by a wastewater**
3 **treatment system with information regarding options to upgrade the existing system to**
4 **meet any new or existing discharge requirements. The information provided shall include**
5 **available advanced technologies including biological treatment options.**

6 **2. The municipality or community, or a third party hired by the community or**
7 **municipality, may conduct an analysis of available options to meet any new or existing**
8 **discharge requirements including, but not limited to, the construction or installation of a**
9 **new wastewater collection or treatment facility, connection to an existing collection or**
10 **treatment facility outside the municipality or community, and upgrading or expanding the**
11 **existing wastewater treatment system. The analysis shall include an examination of the**
12 **feasibility and the cost of each option.**

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13 **3. If upgrading or expanding the existing wastewater treatment system is feasible**
14 **and cost effective and will enable the system to meet the discharge requirements, the**
15 **department shall allow the entity to implement such option.**

 Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that a municipality or
2 community has the ability to select the most fiscally responsible option for safely treating
3 wastewater in its community, section 644.200 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for
4 the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby
5 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section 644.200 of
6 section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1717
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5192H.02C

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public water systems.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 640, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 640.136, to read as follows:

**640.136. 1. Any public water system, as defined in section 640.102, or public water
2 supply district, as defined in chapter 247, which intends to make modifications to
3 fluoridation of its water supply shall notify the department of natural resources, the
4 department of health and senior services, and its customers of its intentions at least ninety
5 days prior to any vote on the matter. The public water system or public water supply
6 district shall notify its customers via radio, television, newspaper, regular mail, electronic
7 means, or any combination of notification methods to most effectively notify customers at
8 least ninety days prior to any meeting at which the vote will occur. Any public water
9 system or public water supply district that violates the notification requirements of this
10 section shall reinstate fluoridation of its water supply until proper notification is provided
11 under the provisions of this section.**

**2. In the case of an investor-owned water system, the entity calling for the
12 discussion of modifications to fluoridation shall be responsible for the provisions of this
13 section.
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SS#2 HCS HB 1717 -- WATER SYSTEMS

The bill modifies the term "water resource project" to mean a project containing planning, design, construction, or renovation of a public water supply, flood control storage, or treatment or transmission facilities for public water supply. The bill changes the name of the "Multipurpose Water Resource Program Renewable Water Program Fund" to the "Multipurpose Water Resource Program Fund." The Department of Natural Resources is required to establish rules by which water resource project sponsors can remit contributions to the fund. Any plan submitted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction of a water resource project must include a schedule, proposed by the sponsor, to remit contributions back to the fund. The contributions are to be used to administer the fund and to provide financial assistance under the Multipurpose Water Resource Program.

The bill requires public water systems under Chapter 640, RSMo, and water supply districts under Chapter 247 to notify the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Natural Resources, and its customers, at least 90 days prior to any meeting held at which a vote to modify the fluoridation of water in the system or district will occur. If the water system is an investor-owned water supply, the entity calling for the modifications is responsible for the meeting and the notice requirements.

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