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HOUSE BILL 1038

Short Title: Sanitarian Ed./Septic Tank Fee.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative H. Hunter.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STAFF WHO CARRY OUT RULES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION FOR HEALTH SERVICES, AND TO SUPPORT THIS AND OTHER CRITICALLY NEEDED SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES BY IMPOSING A FEE ON SEPTIC TANKS SOLD FOR USE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 8 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 130A-227.1. **Mandatory continuing education for sanitarians who carry out rules of the Commission for Health Services.**

By July 1, 1990, the Department shall conduct a continuing education program for sanitarians who carry out rules of the Commission for Health Services. The Commission shall adopt continuing education requirements and shall specify the number of hours of mandatory continuing education. The requirements shall include training in conventional and nonconventional sanitary sewage systems and any additional instruction deemed necessary by the Commission. The Department may withhold authorization to act as its agent from any sanitarian who fails to satisfy the continued education requirements adopted by the Commission."

Sec. 2. Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 130A-340. **Fees.**

1       (a)    The Department shall charge septic tank manufacturers and manufacturers of  
2 approved sewage pretreatment units a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each  
3 manufactured septic tank or manufactured pretreatment unit sold by the manufacturer  
4 for use in North Carolina. The Commission shall adopt rules to implement this section.

5       (b)    Fees collected pursuant to G.S. 130A-340 shall be placed in an account to be  
6 called the On-Site Sewage Improvement Fund and may be used by the Department for  
7 the following purposes: fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall be used to retain  
8 sufficient staff to respond promptly and effectively to requirements in the on-site  
9 sewage disposal program for supervision, technical assistance, consultation, training and  
10 continuing education for local environmental health personnel; to support necessary  
11 research in alternative methods of on-site sewage disposal; and to implement an  
12 automated information system to support these and related environmental health  
13 activities in fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93; fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall  
14 be used to fund surveys of illegal sewage discharges in those counties which have eight  
15 percent (8%) or more of their households not served by public sewer systems or  
16 approved on-site systems. For the 1993-94 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter,  
17 fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds of this fund will be distributed to the 100 counties to  
18 remediate on-site sewage disposal problems."

19               Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.