



## 2007 SENATE BILL 274

September 27, 2007 - Introduced by Senators MILLER, COWLES, LASSA, LAZICH, LEHMAN, OLSEN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDERSON, MUSSER, BERCEAU, HAHN, LEMAHIEU, MURSAU, A. OTT and TURNER. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 145.12 (5) (a); and *to create* 145.20 (6) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** restrictions relating to soil testing and the installation, design,  
3             maintenance, repair, and sale of private sewage systems and providing a  
4             penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law makes certain local governmental units, generally counties, responsible for the regulation of septic systems and other private sewage systems. For example, the law requires the local governmental units to review soil test reports and to inspect private sewage systems after construction but before backfilling.

This bill prohibits a local governmental unit employee who has responsibilities related to the regulation of private sewage systems from doing any of the following:

1. Performing soil testing.
2. Installing, maintaining, or repairing private sewage systems.
3. Selling private sewage systems.
4. Designing private sewage systems.

The bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to directly assess a forfeiture of no more than \$2,000 against a person who violates the prohibitions created in the bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

