AN ACT to create 145.045 of the statutes, relating to the certification of soil testers and granting rule-making authority.

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

145.045 of the statutes is created to read:

145.045 Certification of soil testers. (1) Powers and duties. The department shall by rule establish an examining program for the certification of soil testers, setting such standards as the department finds necessary to accomplish the purposes of this
chapter. Such standards shall include formal written examinations for all applicants. The department shall charge applicants for the cost of examination and certification. After July 1, 1974, no person may construct soil bore holes, conduct soil percolation tests or other similar tests specified by the department, relating to the disposal of liquid domestic wastes into the soil unless he holds a valid certificate issued under this section.

(2) **REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE.** The department may revoke or suspend the certification of any soil tester but only after a formal hearing for the practice of any fraud or deceit in obtaining the certificate or any gross negligence, incompetence or misconduct in the practice of soil testing.

(3) A plumber or septic tank installer may also be a soil tester and install any system after approval of the site or project by the state board of health or local county appointed administrator.