



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 729

December 12, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives DUFF, PORTER, OWENS, SERATTI, SILBAUGH, GOETSCH, SKINDRUD, LAZICH and VRAKAS, cosponsored by Senators COWLES and FARROW. Referred to Committee on Environment and Utilities.

1 **AN ACT to create** 144.04 (3), 147.015 (21) and 147.016 of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** regulation of zero discharge wastewater treatment systems and granting
3 rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the department of natural resources (DNR) to regulate zero discharge wastewater treatment systems to ensure the proper operation of those systems. A zero discharge wastewater treatment system is a wastewater treatment plant that is designed not to discharge any pollution into the waters of this state. DNR may delegate the responsibility to regulate these systems to the public owner of a sewage treatment plant. This bill also requires a person who proposes to construct a zero discharge wastewater system to submit plans for the system to DNR for its review and approval or disapproval.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 144.04 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
5 144.04 (3) For the purposes of this section, a zero discharge wastewater
6 treatment system, as defined in s. 147.015 (21), is considered to be a system or plant.
7 **SECTION 2.** 147.015 (21) of the statutes is created to read:

