CHAPTER 1112

MUNICIPAL SEWAGE SLUDGE AS FERTILIZER H.F. 2425

AN ACT relating to the use of municipal sewage sludge as fertilizer.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 455B.78, Code 1981, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The commission shall adopt rules that allow the use of wet or dry sludge from publicly-owned treatment works for land application. A sale of wet or dry sludge for the purpose of land application shall be accompanied by a written agreement signed by both parties which contains a general analysis of the contents of the sludge. The heavy metal content of the sludge shall not exceed that allowed by rules of the commission. An owner of a publicly-owned treatment works which sells wet or dry sludge is not subject to criminal liability for acts or omissions in connection with a sale, and is not subject to any action by the purchaser to recover damages for harm to person or property caused by sludge that is delivered pursuant to a sale unless it is a result of a violation of the written agreement or if the heavy metal content of the sludge exceeds that allowed by rules of the commission. Nothing in this section shall provide immunity to any person from action by the department pursuant to section 455B.82.

Sec. 2. The rules promulgated under section 1 of this Act shall be generally consistent with those rules of the department existing on January 1, 1982 regarding the land application of municipal sewage sludge except that they may provide for different methods of application for wet sludge and dry sludge.

Approved April 30, 1982

CHAPTER 1113

REORGANIZATION OF UNDER-GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICTS $H.F.\ 2420$

AN ACT relating to the authority of the state board of public instruction over a school district not maintaining twelve grades.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 275.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows: