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June 10, 2005

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 222, an Act relating to the nonpartisan election of township officers.

House File 834, an Act relating to persons commercially cleaning toilet units and private sewage disposal facilities by providing regulations, fees, and civil penalties, and making appropriations.

House File 858, an act establishing a statewide work-based learning intermediary network program and creating a fund.

House File 883, an Act to legalize actions taken and proceedings conducted by the State of Iowa, Linn County, the City of Cedar Rapids, and three school districts including the Cedar Rapids Community School District, the College Community School District, and the Linn-Mar Community School District, which relate to erroneously established boundaries, and providing an effective date.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 834

AN ACT

RELATING TO PERSONS COMMERCIALY CLEANING TOILET UNITS AND PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES BY PROVIDING REGULATIONS, FEES, AND CIVIL PENALTIES, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 455B.171, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 32A. "Toilet unit" means a portable or fixed tank or vessel holding untreated human waste without secondary wastewater treatment that is emptied for disposal. "Toilet unit" does not include a portable or fixed tank or vessel holding untreated human waste that is part of a recreational vehicle or marine vessel.

Sec. 2. Section 455B.172, subsection 5, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

The department shall by rule adopt standards for the commercial cleaning of private sewage disposal facilities, including but not limited to septic tanks ~~and pits used to collect waste in livestock confinement structures~~, and for the disposal of waste from the facilities. The standards shall not be in conflict with the state building code adopted pursuant to section 103A.7. A person shall not commercially clean such facilities or dispose of waste from such facilities unless the person has been issued a license by the department. The department shall be exclusively responsible for adopting the standards and issuing licenses. However, county boards of

health shall enforce the standards and licensing requirements established by the department. The department may contract for the delegation of the authority for inspection of land application sites, record reviews, and equipment inspections to a county board of health. In the event of entering into such a contract, the department shall retain concurrent authority over such activities. Application for the license shall be made in the manner provided by the department. Licenses expire one year from the date of issue unless revoked and may be renewed in the manner provided by the department. ~~The license or license renewal fee is twenty-five dollars.~~ A license application shall include registration applications for each vehicle used by the applicant for purposes of collecting septage from private sewage disposal facilities and each vehicle used by the applicant for purposes of applying septage to land. Septic disposal management plans shall be submitted to the department and approved annually as a condition of licensing and shall also be filed annually with the county board of health in the county where a proposed septage application site is located. The septic disposal management plan shall include, but not be limited to, the sites of septage application, the anticipated volume of septage applied to each site, the area of each septage application site, the type of application to be used at each site, the volume of septage expected to be collected from private sewage disposal facilities, and a list of registered vehicles collecting septage from private sewage disposal facilities and applying septage to land. The annual license or license renewal fee for a person commercially cleaning private sewage disposal facilities shall be established by the department based on the volume of septage that is applied to land. A septic management fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department. Annual license and license renewal fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the septic management fund and are appropriated to the department for purposes of contracting with county boards of health to conduct land application site inspections, record reviews, and septic cleaning equipment inspections. A person violating this section or the rules adopted pursuant to this section as determined by the department is subject to a civil penalty of not more than

~~twenty-five~~ two hundred fifty dollars. The department shall adopt rules related to, but not limited to, recordkeeping requirements, application procedures and limitations, contamination issues, loss of septage, failure to file a septic disposal management plan, application by vehicles that are not properly registered, wrongful application, and violations of a septic disposal management plan. Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. ~~However, the total civil penalty shall not exceed five hundred dollars per year.~~ The penalty shall be assessed ~~for a violation occurring ten days following written notice of the violation delivered to the person by the department or a county board of health~~ for the duration of time commencing with the time the violation begins and ending the time the violation is corrected. The septic disposal management plan may be examined to determine the duration of the violation. Moneys collected by the department ~~or a county board of health~~ from the imposition of civil penalties shall be deposited in the general fund of the state. Moneys collected by a county board of health from the imposition of civil penalties shall be deposited in the general fund of the county.

Sec. 3. Section 455B.172, Code 2005, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. a. The department shall by rule adopt standards for the commercial cleaning of toilet units and for the disposal of waste from toilet units. Waste from toilet units shall be disposed of at a wastewater treatment facility and shall not be applied to land. The department may contract for the delegation of the authority for inspection of record reviews and equipment inspections for such units to a county board of health. In the event of entering into such a contract, the department shall retain concurrent authority over such activities.

b. A person shall not commercially clean toilet units or dispose of waste from such units unless the person has been issued a license by the department. The department shall be exclusively responsible for adopting the standards and issuing licenses. However, county boards of health shall enforce the standards and licensing requirements established by the department. Application for the license shall be made in the manner provided by the department. Licenses expire one year

from the date of issue unless revoked and may be renewed in the manner provided by the department. A license application shall include registration applications for each vehicle used by the applicant for purposes of collecting waste from toilet units and each vehicle used by the applicant for purposes of transporting waste from toilet units to a wastewater treatment facility. The annual license or license renewal fee for a person commercially cleaning toilet units shall be established by the department based on the number of trucks or vehicles used by the licensee for purposes of commercial cleaning of toilet units and for the disposal of waste from the toilet units. For purposes of this subsection, "vehicle" includes a trailer.

c. A toilet unit fund is created in the state treasury under the control of the department. Annual license and license renewal fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the toilet unit fund and are appropriated to the department for purposes of contracting with county boards of health to conduct record reviews and toilet unit cleaning equipment inspections.

d. A person violating this section or the rules adopted pursuant to this section as determined by the department is subject to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars. Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. The penalty shall be assessed for the duration of time commencing with the time the violation begins and ending with the time the violation is corrected. Moneys collected by the department from the imposition of civil penalties shall be deposited in the general fund of the state. Moneys collected by a county board of health from the imposition of civil penalties shall be deposited in the general fund of the county.

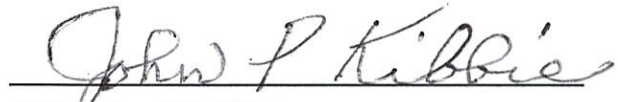
Sec. 4. STUDY. By January 1, 2006, the department of natural resources shall submit a written report to the general assembly regarding the land application and treatment of septage. The report shall include a county-by-county analysis of the amount of septage collected at sources in each county, the amount of septage applied to land in each county, and the treatment capacity of wastewater treatment facilities in each county. The report shall include an analysis of the environmental impact of land application of septage and the

fiscal impact of a statewide prohibition of the land application of septage.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

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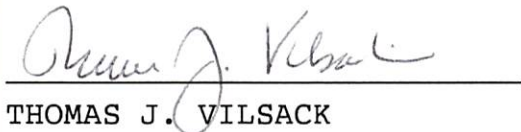
I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 834, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved June 10, 2005



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