

Senate File 511 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 511
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 385)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to maintenance of septic systems using a
2 peat moss biofilter system, a recirculating textile filter
3 system, or an aerobic treatment unit.

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

1 Section 1. Section 455B.173, subsection 3, Code 2019, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* Rules shall not be adopted that require
4 an owner of a peat moss biofilter system, a recirculating
5 textile filter system, or an aerobic treatment unit to enter
6 into a maintenance contract. However, a person who owns a peat
7 moss biofilter system, a recirculating textile filter system,
8 or an aerobic treatment unit shall have their system inspected
9 and, if necessary, have maintenance performed by a technician
10 at least once every three years.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to rules related to the maintenance of
15 septic systems.

16 Current law requires the environmental protection commission
17 to establish rules relating to the maintenance of disposal
18 systems. The bill prohibits the commission from adopting
19 rules that require an owner of a peat moss biofilter system, a
20 recirculating textile filter system, or an aerobic treatment
21 unit to enter into a maintenance contract. However, the
22 bill requires an owner of a peat moss biofilter system, a
23 recirculating textile filter system, or an aerobic treatment
24 unit to have the system inspected and, if necessary, have
25 maintenance performed by a technician at least once every three
26 years.