

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LLOYD, LETTERMAN, SHOWERS, HALUSKA, TELEK, PRATT,  
LUCYK AND SIRIANNI, JULY 7, 1982

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In the House of Representatives, July 7, 1982

1 WHEREAS, The State Department of Environmental Resources is  
2 charged with the duty to establish guidelines and regulations  
3 with regard to the installation and use of on-lot sewage  
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, The State Board for Certification of Sewage  
6 Enforcement Officers is charged with the duty to review and pass  
7 upon applications for certification of sewage enforcement  
8 officers and to administer examinations necessary to determine  
9 the fitness of candidates for certification; and

10 WHEREAS, Sewage enforcement officers, certified by the State  
11 Board for Certification of Sewage Enforcement Officers and  
12 working on behalf of a local municipality, are charged with the  
13 duty to determine whether a proposed or existing on-lot sewage  
14 system in that municipality complies with the Department of  
15 Environmental Resources guidelines and regulations; and

16 WHEREAS, Some property owners have been unable to obtain  
17 permits for on-lot sewage systems in some municipalities,

1 thereby diminishing the value of their property and inhibiting  
2 growth in those municipalities; and

3 WHEREAS, Some property owners who have been denied permits  
4 for on-lot sewage systems or cited for violations of on-lot  
5 sewage guidelines and regulations have alleged that those  
6 guidelines and regulations are too stringent or that they are  
7 not being uniformly applied; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
9 hereby directs the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution  
10 Control and Conservation Committee to investigate the  
11 qualifications for sewage enforcement officers and the manner of  
12 their selection, the guidelines and regulations established by  
13 the Department of Environmental Resources for on-lot sewage  
14 systems, and the procedure for assuring compliance with those  
15 guidelines, in order to determine if the Department of  
16 Environmental Resources guidelines and regulations unnecessarily  
17 prevent the use of on-lot sewage systems in some cases and if  
18 the enforcement system is adequate to assure reasonable  
19 uniformity in the issuing of permits and the identification and  
20 prosecution of violations; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the  
22 General Assembly as soon as possible and include with the report  
23 of those findings any recommendations the committee believes are  
24 appropriate to prevent unnecessary regulations and to assure  
25 uniform enforcement of necessary regulations.