

SENATE BILL No. 785

October 24, 2001, Introduced by Senators SIKKEMA, BULLARD and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 4104 (MCL 324.4104).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4104. (1) The department may promulgate and enforce
2 rules as the department considers necessary governing and provid-
3 ing a method of conducting and operating all or a part of sewer-
4 age systems including sewage treatment works.

5 (2) The department shall classify sewage treatment works
6 with regard to size, type, location, and other physical condi-
7 tions affecting those works and according to the skill, knowl-
8 edge, experience, and character that the person who is in charge
9 of the active operation of the sewage treatment works has to
10 possess in order to successfully operate the works, to prevent
11 the discharge of deleterious matter capable of being injurious to

1 the health of the people, or to other public interests. The
2 department shall examine or provide for the examination of per-
3 sons as to their qualifications to operate sewage treatment
4 works. The department shall promulgate rules regarding the clas-
5 sification of sewage treatment works, the examinations for certi-
6 fication of operators for those works, and the issuance and revo-
7 cation of certificates, and shall issue and revoke certificates
8 in accordance with those rules. THE DEPARTMENT'S CERTIFICATION
9 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

10 (3) Every sewage treatment works subject to this part shall
11 be under the supervision of ~~a properly certified operator~~ AN
12 INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A CURRENT CERTIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION
13 (2), except that this section does not require the employment of
14 a certified operator in a waste treatment works that receives
15 only wastes that are not potentially ~~prejudicial~~ HARMFUL to the
16 public health.