1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 729

December 12, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Duff, Porter, Owens, Seratti, Silbaugh, Goetsch, Skindrud, Lazich and Vrakas, cosponsored by Senators Cowles and Farrow. Referred to Committee on Environment and Utilities.

- 1 AN ACT to create 144.04 (3), 147.015 (21) and 147.016 of the statutes; relating
- 2 **to:** regulation of zero discharge wastewater treatment systems and granting
- 3 rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the department of natural resources (DNR) to regulate zero discharge wastewater treatment systems to ensure the proper operation of those systems. A zero discharge wastewater treatment system is a wastewater treatment plant that is designed not to discharge any pollution into the waters of this state. DNR may delegate the responsibility to regulate these systems to the public owner of a sewage treatment plant. This bill also requires a person who proposes to construct a zero discharge wastewater system to submit plans for the system to DNR for its review and approval or disapproval.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 144.04 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 144.04 (3) For the purposes of this section, a zero discharge wastewater
- 6 treatment system, as defined in s. 147.015 (21), is considered to be a system or plant.
- 7 **Section 2.** 147.015 (21) of the statutes is created to read:

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	147.015	(21)	"Zero	discharge	wastewater	treatment	system"	means	a
treatment work that is designed not to discharge any pollutant into the waters of the									
stat	e or into a	a public	ly own	ed treatme	nt works.				

Section 3. 147.016 of the statutes is created to read:

147.016 Regulation of zero discharge wastewater treatment systems.

- (1) The department shall regulate zero discharge wastewater treatment systems to ensure the proper operation of zero discharge wastewater treatment systems. The department may delegate responsibility under this subsection to the owner of a publicly owned treatment works with a pretreatment program that has been approved by the department. The owner of a publicly owned treatment works to whom the department delegates responsibility under this subsection shall regulate zero discharge wastewater treatment systems in conformance with this section and rules promulgated under this section.
- (2) The department may promulgate rules for the regulation of zero discharge wastewater treatment systems.

16 (END)