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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR SANITARY
SEWAGE SYSTEM CONTRACTORS, TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION OF
SANITARY SEWAGE CONTRACTORS, AND TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE
FEE SCHEDULE FOR IMPROVEMENT PERMITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 90A is amended by adding a new Article to read:

“ARTICLE 5.

“CERTIFICATION OF SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM CONTRACTORS.

“§ 90A-71. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply throughout this Article:

- (1) ‘Commission’ means the Commission for Health Services.
- (2) ‘Conventional septic tank system’ means a subsurface sanitary sewage system consisting of a settling tank and a subsurface disposal field without a pump or other appurtenances.
- (3) ‘Department’ means the Department of Human Resources.
- (4) ‘Sanitary sewage system’ means a complete system of sewage collection, treatment, and disposal including septic tank systems, low-pressure pipe systems, mechanical aeration systems, or other such systems.
- (5) ‘Sanitary sewage system contractor’ or ‘contractor’ means a person engaged in the business of installing, constructing, repairing, or maintaining a sanitary sewage system.

1 **"§ 90A-72. Certification program.**

2 (a) The Commission shall by rule establish and the Department shall administer a
3 certification program for sanitary sewage system contractors. The program shall be
4 designed to provide voluntary certification of contractors who install, construct, repair,
5 or maintain conventional septic tank systems and to provide mandatory certification of
6 contractors who install, construct, repair, or maintain sanitary sewage systems that are
7 required to have an operation permit under Article 11 of Chapter 130A and that are not
8 conventional septic tank systems. Certification under this article shall be in addition to
9 any occupational license required by law. The Commission shall adopt rules to
10 implement the program by July 1, 1990.

11 (b) The Department shall be authorized to charge an annual fee not to exceed one
12 hundred dollars (\$100.00)."

13 Sec. 2. Article 11 of Chapter 130A is amended by adding a new section to
14 read:

15 **"§ 130A-342. Improvement permit fees.**

16 The Department of Human Resources may charge fees for improvement permits for
17 conventional septic tank systems as follows. A fee of no more than twenty-five dollars
18 (\$25.00) may be charged for new improvement permits. A fee of no more than ten
19 dollars (\$10.00) may be charged for repair improvement permits. A fee of no more than
20 fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be charged for new improvement permits for sewage systems
21 other than conventional septic tank systems."

22 Sec. 3. Section 2 of this act shall become effective July 1, 1989, and shall
23 apply to permits issued on or after that date. The remainder of this act is effective upon
24 ratification.