



2023-2024 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 600: Regulatory Reform Act of 2023, Sec. 17: Shorten Septage Management Permitting Review and Clarify Pumper Truck Fee

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 17 of S.L. 2023-137		

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 17 of S.L. 2023-137 shortens the permit review period for septage management firm permit applications and clarifies how the septage truck fee is calculated.*

*This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023.*

## BACKGROUND LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

Septage management firms must obtain permits from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) before commencing or continuing operation. Prior to this act's effective date, DEQ was required to act on a permit within 90 days of receiving a complete permit application. Septage management firms were also required to pay an annual fee of \$550 for operating a single pumper truck or an annual fee of \$800 for operating two or more pumper trucks.

**Section 17** shortens the permit review period to 60 business days, requires DEQ to cite the reason for permit denial, provides that a septage management firm is deemed permitted if DEQ fails to act within the 60-day period if all other applicable waste management requirements are met, and clarifies that, for the purposes of calculating the truck fee, the number of pumper trucks must be limited to only those pumper trucks and vehicles used in the transportation, containment, or consolidation of liquid septage that transport septage on State-maintained roads.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 2, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on October 10, 2023. This section became effective on October 10, 2023.

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