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AN ACT

To repeal sections 644.016 and 644.052, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to clean water certification.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 644.016 and 644.052, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 644.016 and 644.052, to read as follows:

644.016. When used in sections 644.006 to 644.141 and in standards, rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141, the following words and phrases mean:

(1) "Aquaculture facility", a hatchery, fish farm, or other facility used for the production of aquatic animals that is required to have a permit pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.;

(2) "Commission", the clean water commission of the state of Missouri created in section 644.021;

(3) "Conference, conciliation and persuasion", a process of verbal or written communications consisting of meetings, reports, correspondence or telephone conferences between authorized representatives of the department and the alleged violator. The process shall, at a minimum, consist of one offer to meet with the alleged violator tendered by the department. During any such meeting, the department and the alleged violator shall negotiate in good faith to eliminate the alleged violation and shall attempt to agree upon a plan to achieve compliance;

(4) "Department", the department of natural resources;

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

- (5) "Director", the director of the department of natural resources;
- (6) "Discharge", the causing or permitting of one or more water contaminants to enter the waters of the state;
- (7) "Effluent control regulations", limitations on the discharge of water contaminants;
- (8) "General permit", a permit written with a standard group of conditions and with applicability intended for a designated category of water contaminant sources that have the same or similar operations, discharges and geographical locations, and that require the same or similar monitoring, and that would be more appropriately controlled pursuant to a general permit rather than pursuant to a site-specific permit;
- (9) "Human sewage", human excreta and wastewater, including bath and toilet waste, residential laundry waste, residential kitchen waste, and other similar waste from household or establishment appurtenances;
- (10) "Income" includes retirement benefits, consultant fees, and stock dividends;
- (11) "Minor violation", a violation which possesses a small potential to harm the environment or human health or cause pollution, was not knowingly committed, and is not defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as other than minor;
- (12) "Permit by rule", a permit granted by rule, not by a paper certificate, and conditioned by the permit holder's compliance with commission rules;
- (13) "Permit holders or applicants for a permit" shall not include officials or employees who work full time for any department or agency of the state of Missouri;
- (14) "Person", any individual, partnership, copartnership, firm, company, public or private corporation, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, political subdivision, or any agency, board, department, or bureau of the state or federal government, or any other legal entity whatever which is recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties;
- (15) "Point source", any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged. **This term does not include agricultural stormwater discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture;**
- (16) "Pollution", such contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical or biological properties of any waters of the state, including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters, or such discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid, radioactive, or other substance into any waters of the state as will or is reasonably certain to create a nuisance or render such waters harmful, detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare, or to domestic, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other legitimate beneficial uses, or to wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life;
- (17) "Pretreatment regulations", limitations on the introduction of pollutants or water

contaminants into publicly owned treatment works or facilities which the commission determines are not susceptible to treatment by such works or facilities or which would interfere with their operation, except that wastes as determined compatible for treatment pursuant to any federal water pollution control act or guidelines shall be limited or treated pursuant to this chapter only as required by such act or guidelines;

(18) "Residential housing development", any land which is divided or proposed to be divided into three or more lots, whether contiguous or not, for the purpose of sale or lease as part of a common promotional plan for residential housing;

(19) "Sewer system", pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, and force mains, and all other structures, devices, appurtenances and facilities used for collecting or conducting wastes to an ultimate point for treatment or handling;

(20) "Significant portion of his or her income" shall mean ten percent of gross personal income for a calendar year, except that it shall mean fifty percent of gross personal income for a calendar year if the recipient is over sixty years of age, and is receiving such portion pursuant to retirement, pension, or similar arrangement;

(21) "Site-specific permit", a permit written for discharges emitted from a single water contaminant source and containing specific conditions, monitoring requirements and effluent limits to control such discharges;

(22) "Treatment facilities", any method, process, or equipment which removes, reduces, or renders less obnoxious water contaminants released from any source;

(23) "Water contaminant", any particulate matter or solid matter or liquid or any gas or vapor or any combination thereof, or any temperature change which is in or enters any waters of the state either directly or indirectly by surface runoff, by sewer, by subsurface seepage or otherwise, which causes or would cause pollution upon entering waters of the state, or which violates or exceeds any of the standards, regulations or limitations set forth in sections 644.006 to 644.141 or any federal water pollution control act, or is included in the definition of pollutant in such federal act;

(24) "Water contaminant source", the point or points of discharge from a single tract of property on which is located any installation, operation or condition which includes any point source defined in sections 644.006 to 644.141 [and nonpoint source pursuant to any federal water pollution control act], which causes or permits a water contaminant therefrom to enter waters of the state either directly or indirectly. **This term does not include agricultural stormwater discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture;**

(25) "Water quality standards", specified concentrations and durations of water contaminants which reflect the relationship of the intensity and composition of water contaminants to potential undesirable effects;

(26) "Waters of the state", all rivers, streams, lakes and other bodies of surface and

subsurface water lying within or forming a part of the boundaries of the state which are not entirely confined and located completely upon lands owned, leased or otherwise controlled by a single person or by two or more persons jointly or as tenants in common [and includes waters of the United States lying within the state]. **This term shall not include an accidental or unintentional discharge into a dry waterway, dry ditch, dry water course or any non-flowing ditch, waterway, or watercourse where said discharge is entirely confined upon lands owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by a single person or by two or more persons jointly or as tenants in common and where the discharged water contaminants are removed, cleaned up, or remediated to the extent that any future flow of water or future flushes of stormwater that go off the property do not exceed any of the standards, regulations, or limitations set forth in sections 644.006 to 644.141. Nor shall this term include an accidental or unintentional discharge into a pond, lake, or reservoir that is not actively discharging water through the spillway and is located completely upon lands owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by single person or by two or more persons jointly or as tenants in common as long as any future flow of water or flushes of stormwater that go through the spillway and off the property do not exceed any of the standards, regulations, or limitations set forth in sections 644.006 to 644.141.**

644.052. 1. Persons with operating permits or permits by rule issued pursuant to this chapter shall pay fees pursuant to subsections 2 to 8 and 12 to 13 of this section. Persons with a sewer service connection to public sewer systems owned or operated by a city, public sewer district, public water district or other publicly owned treatment works shall pay a permit fee pursuant to subsections 10 and 11 of this section.

2. A privately owned treatment works or an industry which treats only human sewage shall annually pay a fee based upon the design flow of the facility as follows:

- (1) One hundred dollars if the design flow is less than five thousand gallons per day;
- (2) One hundred fifty dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than five thousand gallons per day but less than six thousand gallons per day;
- (3) One hundred seventy-five dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than six thousand gallons per day but less than seven thousand gallons per day;
- (4) Two hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than seven thousand gallons per day but less than eight thousand gallons per day;
- (5) Two hundred twenty-five dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than eight thousand gallons per day but less than nine thousand gallons per day;
- (6) Two hundred fifty dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than nine thousand gallons per day but less than ten thousand gallons per day;
- (7) Three hundred seventy-five dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than ten

thousand gallons per day but less than eleven thousand gallons per day;

(8) Four hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than eleven thousand gallons per day but less than twelve thousand gallons per day;

(9) Four hundred fifty dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than twelve thousand gallons per day but less than thirteen thousand gallons per day;

(10) Five hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than thirteen thousand gallons per day but less than fourteen thousand gallons per day;

(11) Five hundred fifty dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than fourteen thousand gallons per day but less than fifteen thousand gallons per day;

(12) Six hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than fifteen thousand gallons per day but less than sixteen thousand gallons per day;

(13) Six hundred fifty dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than sixteen thousand gallons per day but less than seventeen thousand gallons per day;

(14) Eight hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than seventeen thousand gallons per day but less than twenty thousand gallons per day;

(15) One thousand dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than twenty thousand gallons per day but less than twenty-three thousand gallons per day;

(16) Two thousand dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than twenty-three thousand gallons per day but less than twenty-five thousand gallons per day;

(17) Two thousand five hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than twenty-five thousand gallons per day but less than thirty thousand gallons per day;

(18) Three thousand dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than thirty thousand gallons per day but less than one million gallons per day; or

(19) Three thousand five hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than one million gallons per day.

3. Persons who produce industrial process wastewater which requires treatment and who apply for or possess a site-specific permit shall annually pay:

(1) Five thousand dollars if the industry is a class IA animal feeding operation as defined by the commission; or

(2) For facilities issued operating permits based upon categorical standards pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and regulations implementing such act:

(a) Three thousand five hundred dollars if the design flow is less than one million gallons per day; or

(b) Five thousand dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than one million gallons per day.

4. Persons who apply for or possess a site-specific permit solely for industrial storm water shall pay an annual fee of:

(1) One thousand three hundred fifty dollars if the design flow is less than one million gallons per day; or

(2) Two thousand three hundred fifty dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than one million gallons per day.

5. Persons who produce industrial process wastewater who are not included in subsection 2 or 3 of this section shall annually pay:

(1) One thousand five hundred dollars if the design flow is less than one million gallons per day; or

(2) Two thousand five hundred dollars if the design flow is equal to or greater than one million gallons per day.

6. Persons who apply for or possess a general permit shall pay:

(1) Three hundred dollars for the discharge of storm water from a land disturbance site;

(2) Fifty dollars annually for the operation of a chemical fertilizer or pesticide facility;

(3) One hundred fifty dollars for the operation of an animal feeding operation or a concentrated animal feeding operation;

(4) One hundred fifty dollars annually for new permits for the discharge of process water or storm water potentially contaminated by activities not included in subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection. Persons paying fees pursuant to this subdivision with existing general permits on August 27, 2000, and persons paying fees pursuant to this subdivision who receive renewed general permits on the same facility after August 27, 2000, shall pay sixty dollars annually;

(5) Up to two hundred fifty dollars annually for the operation of an aquaculture facility.

7. Requests for modifications to state operating permits on entities that charge a service connection fee pursuant to subsection 10 of this section shall be accompanied by a two hundred dollar fee. The department may waive the fee if it is determined that the necessary modification was either initiated by the department or caused by an error made by the department.

8. Requests for state operating permit modifications other than **such requests associated with a construction permit application and** those described in subsection 7 of this section shall be accompanied by a fee equal to twenty-five percent of the annual operating fee assessed for the facility pursuant to this section. The department may waive the fee if it is determined that the necessary modification was either initiated by the department or caused by an error made by the department.

9. Persons requesting water quality certifications in accordance with Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act shall pay a fee of seventy-five dollars and shall submit the standard application form for a Section 404 permit as administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or similar information required for other federal licenses and permits, except that the fee is waived for water quality certifications issued and accepted for activities authorized pursuant to a general permit or nationwide permit by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

10. Persons with a direct or indirect sewer service connection to a public sewer system owned or operated by a city, public sewer district, public water district, or other publicly owned treatment works shall pay an annual fee per water service connection as provided in this subsection. Customers served by multiple water service connections shall pay such fee for each water service connection, except that no single facility served by multiple connections shall pay more than a total of seven hundred dollars per year. The fees provided for in this subsection shall be collected by the agency billing such customer for sewer service and remitted to the department. The fees may be collected in monthly, quarterly or annual increments, and shall be remitted to the department no less frequently than annually. The fees collected shall not exceed the amounts specified in this subsection and, except as provided in subsection 11 of this section, shall be collected at the specified amounts unless adjusted by the commission in rules. The annual fees shall not exceed:

(1) For sewer systems that serve more than thirty-five thousand customers, forty cents per residential customer as defined by the provider of said sewer service until such time as the commission promulgates rules defining the billing procedure;

(2) For sewer systems that serve equal to or less than thirty-five thousand but more than twenty thousand customers, fifty cents per residential customer as defined by the provider of said sewer service until such time as the commission promulgates rules defining the billing procedure;

(3) For sewer systems that serve equal to or less than twenty thousand but more than seven thousand customers, sixty cents per residential customer as defined by the provider of said sewer service until such time as the commission promulgates rules defining the billing procedure;

(4) For sewer systems that serve equal to or less than seven thousand but more than one thousand customers, seventy cents per residential customer as defined by the provider of said sewer service until such time as the commission promulgates rules defining the billing procedure;

(5) For sewer systems that serve equal to or less than one thousand customers, eighty cents per residential customer as defined by the provider of said sewer service until such time as the commission promulgates rules defining the billing procedure;

(6) Three dollars for commercial or industrial customers not served by a public water system as defined in chapter 640, RSMo;

(7) Three dollars per water service connection for all other customers with water service connections of less than or equal to one inch excluding taps for fire suppression and irrigation systems;

(8) Ten dollars per water service connection for all other customers with water service connections of more than one inch but less than or equal to four inches, excluding taps for fire suppression and irrigation systems;

(9) Twenty-five dollars per water service connection for all other customers with water service connections of more than four inches, excluding taps for fire suppression and irrigation

systems.

11. Customers served by any district formed pursuant to the provisions of section 30(a) of article VI of the Missouri Constitution shall pay the fees set forth in subsection 10 of this section according to the following schedule:

(1) From August 28, 2000, through September 30, 2001, customers of any such district shall pay fifty percent of such fees; and

(2) Beginning October 1, 2001, customers of any such districts shall pay one hundred percent of such fees.

12. Persons submitting a notice of intent to operate pursuant to a permit by rule shall pay a filing fee of twenty-five dollars.

13. For any general permit issued to a state agency for highway construction pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 6 of this section, a single fee may cover all sites subject to the permit.

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