



# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Environmental Affairs, to which was referred House Bill No. 1348, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 3, delete lines 32 through 33.
- 2 Page 3, line 34, delete "(d)" and insert "(c)".
- 3 Page 3, line 34, delete "(e)," and insert "(d),".
- 4 Page 3, line 40, delete "(e)" and insert "(d)".
- 5 Page 4, line 17, delete "rate payers" and insert "ratepayers".
- 6 Page 7, delete lines 14 through 24, begin a new paragraph and
- 7 insert:
- 8 "**(c) A wastewater treatment plant that has allowed for the**
- 9 **disposal of septage on or after January 1, 2023, shall continue to**
- 10 **allow for the disposal of septage that is picked up from within the**
- 11 **unit where the wastewater treatment plant is located or a**
- 12 **neighboring unit to the wastewater treatment plant. However, a**
- 13 **wastewater treatment plant need not accept septage if the**
- 14 **wastewater treatment plant is not:**
- 15 **(1) designed to receive;**
- 16 **(2) permitted to receive; or**
- 17 **(3) operationally capable of receiving;**
- 18 **septage in accordance with a permit approved by the department.**
- 19 **(d) If a septage hauler believes that a wastewater treatment**
- 20 **plant is not accepting septage in violation of subsection (c), the**

1        **septage hauler may submit a written request to the department to**  
 2        **determine whether the wastewater treatment plant must accept**  
 3        **septage.**

4        **(e) After consulting with the septage hauler and the owner of the**  
 5        **wastewater treatment plant, the department shall issue:**

6            **(1) a determination; and**

7            **(2) if applicable, an order requiring the wastewater treatment**  
 8            **plant to accept septage.**

9        **(f) A determination or order issued by the department under**  
 10        **this section is subject to review under IC 4-21.5."**

11        Page 7, line 25, delete "(e)" and insert "(g)".

12        Page 7, after line 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:

13        **"(h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a**  
 14        **wastewater treatment facility to accept septage in a manner that:**

15            **(1) conflicts with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination**  
 16            **System permit or other department issued permit;**

17            **(2) causes or contributes to a treatment process upset or**  
 18            **permit violation; or**

19            **(3) necessitates capital improvements or operational changes**  
 20            **without full cost recovery."**

(Reference is to HB 1348 as reprinted January 28, 2026.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

**Senator Niemeyer, Chairperson**