

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 387 (RESOURCES) am
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BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to accrediting engineers for inspections of wastewater systems for single-
2 family homes and duplexes; and relating to the accreditation of engineers and
3 environmental consultants for the assessment and cleanup of sites contaminated with
4 hazardous substances."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** (a) It is the intent of the legislature that the accreditation
7 program established by the Department of Environmental Conservation for inspection of certain
8 wastewater systems will provide engineers with the information needed to knowledgeably review existing
9 domestic wastewater systems, plans to modify existing systems, and plans to construct or install new
10 systems for compliance with standards established by regulation for domestic wastewater systems for
11 single-family homes and duplexes.

12 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Environmental Conservation
13 encourage engineers to file copies of the reports of inspections of domestic waste water systems with
14 the department or local health authority so that the reports can be made available to the public.

1 (c) The legislature does not intend the provisions of this Act to limit the authorization granted
2 a registered engineer under AS 08.48 to practice engineering or to require that a registered engineer
3 receive accreditation under this Act before engaging in inspections, assessments, and cleanups.

4 (d) It is the intent of the legislature that the accreditation program established by the Department
5 of Environmental Conservation for the assessment and cleanup of sites contaminated with hazardous
6 substances will provide engineers and environmental consultants with the information needed to
7 knowledgeably perform assessments and cleanups of contaminated sites in accordance with departmental
8 regulations.

9 * Sec. 2. AS 46.03 is amended by adding new sections to article 3 to read:

10 Sec. 46.03.125. ACCREDITATION FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS. (a) The
11 department shall develop criteria for the accreditation of engineers to inspect existing domestic
12 wastewater systems, to review plans for construction or modification of domestic wastewater
13 systems, and to conduct as-built inspections of new or modified systems to ensure that the system
14 meets standards established by law and by regulations adopted by the department. The
15 accreditation shall apply to single-family homes and to duplexes.

16 (b) The department shall grant accreditation to engineers registered under AS 08.48.211
17 who satisfactorily complete the accreditation program under (a) of this section. The department
18 may charge an appropriate fee for evaluating an application for accreditation.

19 (c) After notice and a hearing, the department may revoke an accreditation issued under
20 this section for cause.

21 (d) The department may develop a training program for engineers to enable them to meet
22 the accreditation standards of this section. The department shall confer with the Department of
23 Labor and the state Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors in
24 developing the training program. The department may charge an appropriate fee for participation
25 in the training program.

26 (e) The department shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

27 (f) This section does not restrict or prohibit the department from delegating its
28 responsibilities under this section.

29 Sec. 46.03.127. ACCREDITATION FOR ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP OF
30 CONTAMINATED SITES. (a) The department shall develop a program for the accreditation
31 of engineers and qualified environmental consultants to perform assessment and cleanup of sites

1 contaminated with hazardous substances to ensure that assessment and cleanup meet standards
2 adopted by the department by regulation.

3 (b) The department shall grant accreditation to engineers registered under AS 08.48.211
4 and to qualified environmental consultants who satisfactorily complete the accreditation program
5 under (a) of this section. The department may charge an appropriate fee for evaluating an
6 application for accreditation.

7 (c) After notice and a hearing, the department may revoke an accreditation issued under
8 this section for cause.

9 (d) The department may develop a training program for engineers and qualified
10 environmental consultants to enable them to meet the accreditation standards of this section. The
11 department shall confer with the Department of Labor and the state Board of Registration for
12 Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors in developing the training program. The department
13 may charge an appropriate fee for participation in the training program.

14 (e) The department shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

15 (f) This section does not restrict or prohibit the department from delegating its
16 responsibilities under this section.

17 (g) In this section,

18 (1) "hazardous substance" has the meaning given in AS 46.03.826;

19 (2) "qualified" means a person who meets requirements established by regulations
20 adopted by the department for performing the assessment and cleanup of sites contaminated with
21 hazardous substances