NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 628

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Senator Jarvis

moves to amend the bill on page 25, lines 17–18, by inserting between those lines:

"...§ 90A-63. Renewal of certificates.
   (a) A certificate as a registered environmental health specialist or specialist, registered environmental health specialist intern, intern, or registered environmental health associate issued pursuant to the provisions of this Article will expire on the thirty-first day of December of the current year and must be renewed annually on or before the first day of January. Each application for renewal must be accompanied by a renewal fee to be determined by the Board, but not to exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars ($125.00). However, for renewals postmarked before January 1 of each year, the renewal fee shall not exceed one hundred dollars ($100.00).
   (b) Registrations expired for failure to pay renewal fees may be reinstated under the rules and regulations adopted by the Board.
   (c) A registered environmental health specialist, specialist, registered environmental health intern, or registered environmental health associate shall complete any continuing education requirements specified by the Board for renewal of a certificate.
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§ 90A-65. Representing oneself as a registered environmental health specialist or specialist, registered environmental health specialist intern, intern, or registered environmental health associate.

A holder of a current certificate of registration may append to his or her name the letters, "R.E.H.S." or "R.E.H.S.I." or "R.E.H.A.";

and page 25, line 21, by rewriting the line to read:

"SECTION 10.1.(d) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section become effective May 1, 2024.";
and on page 25, lines 22–23, by inserting between those lines:

"WASTEWATER APPROVAL AUTHORITY TECHNICAL CORRECTION

SECTION 10.2 If Senate Bill 582, 2023 Regular Session, becomes law, then G.S. 130A-343(h), as amended by Section 17(a) of that act and as amended by Section 6(a) of this act, reads as rewritten:

"(h) Accepted Wastewater Dispersal Systems. – A manufacturer of an Innovative wastewater dispersal system or other approved trench dispersal system specifically identified in a rule adopted by the Commission that has been in general use in this State for a minimum of five years may petition the Commission to have the system designated as an Accepted wastewater system as provided in this subsection. The manufacturer shall provide the Commission with the data and findings of all prior evaluations of the performance of the system in this State and other states referenced in the petition, including disclosure of any conditions found to result in unacceptable structural integrity, treatment, or hydraulic performance. In addition, the manufacturer shall provide the Commission with information sufficient to enable the Commission to fully evaluate the performance of the system in this State for at least the five-year period immediately preceding the petition. The Commission shall designate a wastewater dispersal system as an Accepted wastewater system only if it finds that there is clear, convincing, and cogent evidence based on actual field surveys and county activity reports (i) to confirm the findings made by the Department at the time the Department approved the system as a wastewater dispersal system and (ii) that the system performs in a manner that is equal or superior to a conventional or Accepted wastewater system under actual field conditions in this State. The Commission shall specify the circumstances in which use of the system is appropriate and any conditions and limitations related to the use of the system. If the Commission designates a wastewater dispersal system as an Accepted wastewater system pursuant to this section, the following shall apply:

(1) The approval shall be limited to the manufacturer who submitted the petition and received the Accepted status from the Commission.

(2) Neither the Commission, the Department, or any local health department shall condition, delay, or deny the substitution of any Accepted wastewater system based on location of nitrification lines when all parts of the dispersal field can be installed within the approved initial dispersal field area while complying with all Commission rules.";"

and on page 25, lines 30, by rewriting the line to read:

"SECTION 12. Fees assessed pursuant to G.S. 130A-335(a6), as amended by Section 1 of this act, fees assessed pursuant to G.S. 130A-336.1(n), as amended by".
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