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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1713**  
**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 644, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to wastewater treatment systems, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 644, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 644.200, to read as follows:

**644.200. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department of natural  
2 resources shall provide any municipality or community currently served by a wastewater  
3 treatment system with information regarding options to upgrade the existing system to  
4 meet any new or existing discharge requirements. The information provided shall include  
5 available advanced technologies including biological treatment options.**

**6 2. The municipality or community, or a third party hired by the community or  
7 municipality, may conduct an analysis of available options to meet any new or existing  
8 discharge requirements including, but not limited to, the construction or installation of a  
9 new wastewater collection or treatment facility, connection to an existing collection or  
10 treatment facility outside the municipality or community, and upgrading or expanding the  
11 existing wastewater treatment system. The analysis shall include an examination of the  
12 feasibility and the cost of each option.**

**13 3. If upgrading or expanding the existing wastewater treatment system is feasible  
14 and cost effective and will enable the system to meet the discharge requirements, the  
15 department shall allow the entity to implement such option.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that a municipality or  
2 community has the ability to select the most fiscally responsible option for safely treating  
3 wastewater in its community, section 644.200 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

4 the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby  
5 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section 644.200 of  
6 section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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