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ABILL

O	amend sections 30/.3/, 319.281, 521.01, /11.05,	L
	711.10, 711.131, 3701.83, 3709.085, 3709.09,	2
	3709.091, 4736.01, 5302.30, 6111.04, and 6111.44	3
	and to enact sections 3718.01, 3718.02, 3718.021,	4
	3718.03 to 3718.10, 3718.99, and 6111.441 of the	5
	Revised Code to require the Public Health Council	6
	to adopt rules governing household sewage	7
	treatment systems and small flow on-site sewage	8
	treatment systems, to define and authorize boards	9
	of health to regulate small flow on-site sewage	10
	treatment systems, to create the Sewage Treatment	11
	System Technical Advisory Committee to advise the	12
	Director of Health on the approval or disapproval	13
	of new systems, to require the transferor of real	14
	property that is served by a sewage treatment	15
	system to provide on the real property disclosure	16
	form a statement that operation and maintenance	17
	information on the system is available from the	18
	Department of Health or the local board of health	19
	of the health district in which the system is	20
	located, and to establish other requirements	21

governing sewage treatment systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 307.37, 319.281, 521.01, 711.05,
711.10, 711.131, 3701.83, 3709.085, 3709.09, 3709.091, 4736.01,
5302.30, 6111.04, and 6111.44 be amended and sections 3718.01,
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3718.02, 3718.021, 3718.03, 3718.04, 3718.05, 3718.06, 3718.07,
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3718.08, 3718.09, 3718.10, 3718.99, and 6111.441 of the Revised
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Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 307.37. (A) As used in this section, "proposed new 29
construction" means a proposal to erect, construct, repair, alter, 30
redevelop, or maintain a single-family, two-family, or 31
three-family dwelling or any structure that is regulated by the 32
Ohio building code. 33

(B)(1) The board of county commissioners, in addition to its 34 other powers, may adopt, amend, rescind, administer, and enforce 35 regulations pertaining to the erection, construction, repair, 36 alteration, redevelopment, and maintenance of single-family, 37 two-family, and three-family dwellings within the unincorporated 38 territory of the county, or the board may establish districts in 39 any part of the unincorporated territory and may adopt, amend, 40 rescind, administer, and enforce such regulations in the 41 districts. When adopted, all regulations, including service 42 charges, shall be uniform within all districts in which building 43 codes are established; however, more stringent regulations may be 44 imposed in flood hazard areas and in Lake Erie coastal erosion 45 areas identified under section 1506.06 of the Revised Code in 46 order to prevent or reduce the hazard resulting from flooding and 47 from erosion along Lake Erie. Except as provided in division 48 (B)(3) of this section, in no case shall the regulations go beyond 49

the scope of regulating the safety, health, and sanitary conditions of those buildings.

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Any person adversely affected by an order of the board adopting, amending, or rescinding a regulation under this section may appeal to the court of common pleas of the county on the ground that the board failed to comply with the law in adopting, amending, rescinding, publishing, or distributing the regulation, that the regulation, as adopted or amended by the board, is unreasonable or unlawful, or that the revision of the regulation was unreasonable or unlawful.

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(2) A county building code may include regulations for 60 participation in the national flood insurance program established 61 in the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 975, 42 U.S.C.A. 4002, as amended, and regulations adopted for the purposes of section 1506.04 or 1506.07 of the Revised Code 64 governing the prohibition, location, erection, construction, 65 redevelopment, or floodproofing of new buildings or structures, 66 substantial improvements to existing buildings or structures, or 67 other development in unincorporated territory within flood hazard 68 areas identified under the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 69 1973, 87 Stat. 975, 42 U.S.C.A. 4002, as amended, or within Lake 70 Erie coastal erosion areas identified under section 1506.06 of the 71 Revised Code, including, but not limited to, residential, 72 commercial, institutional, or industrial buildings or structures 73 or other permanent structures, as defined in section 1506.01 of 74 the Revised Code. Rules adopted under division (B)(2) of this 75 section shall not conflict with the Ohio building code.

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(3)(a) A county building code may include regulations that provide for a review of the specific effects of a proposed new construction on existing surface or subsurface drainage. The regulations may require reasonable drainage mitigation and reasonable alteration of a proposed new construction before a

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82 building permit is issued in order to prevent or correct any 83 adverse effects that the proposed new construction may have on 84 existing surface or subsurface drainage. The regulations shall not 85 be inconsistent with, more stringent than, or broader in scope 86 than standards adopted by the natural resource conservation 87 service in the United States department of agriculture concerning 88 drainage or rules adopted by the environmental protection agency 89 for reducing, controlling, or mitigating storm water runoff from 90 construction sites, where applicable. The regulations shall allow 91 a person who is registered under Chapter 4703. or 4733. of the 92 Revised Code to prepare and submit relevant plans and other 93 documents for review, provided that the person is authorized to 94 prepare the plans and other documents pursuant to the person's 95 registration.

- (b) If regulations are adopted under division (B)(3) of this 96 section, the board shall specify in the regulations a procedure 97 for the review of the specific effects of a proposed new 98 construction on existing surface or subsurface drainage. The 99 procedure shall include at a minimum all of the following: 100
- (i) A meeting at which the proposed new construction shall be 101 examined for those specific effects. The meeting shall be held 102 within thirty days after an application for a building permit is 103 filed or a review is requested unless the applicant agrees in 104 writing to extend that time period or to postpone the meeting to 105 another date, time, or place. The meeting shall be scheduled 106 within five days after an application for a building permit is 107 filed or a review is requested. 108
- (ii) Written notice of the date, time, and place of that meeting, sent by regular mail to the applicant. The written notice shall be mailed at least seven days before the scheduled meeting date.

(iii) Completion of the review by the board of county	113
commissioners not later than thirty days after the application for	114
a building permit is filed or a review is requested unless the	115
applicant has agreed in writing to extend that time period or	116
postpone the meeting to a later time, in which case the review	117
shall be completed not later than two days after the date of the	118
meeting. A complete review shall include the issuance of any order	119
of the board of county commissioners regarding necessary	120
reasonable drainage mitigation and necessary reasonable	121
alterations to the proposed new construction to prevent or correct	122
any adverse effects on existing surface or subsurface drainage. If	123
the review is not completed within the thirty-day period or an	124
extended or postponed period that the applicant has agreed to, the	125
proposed new construction shall be deemed to have no adverse	126
effects on existing surface or subsurface drainage, and those	127
effects shall not be a valid basis for the denial of a building	128
permit.	129

- (iv) A written statement, provided to the applicant at the 130 meeting or in an order for alterations to a proposed new 131 construction, informing the applicant of the right to seek 132 appellate review of the denial of a building permit under division 133 (B)(3)(b)(iii) of this section by filing a petition in accordance 134 with Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code. 135
- (c) The regulations may authorize the board, after obtaining 136 the advice of the county engineer, to enter into an agreement with 137 the county engineer or another qualified person or entity to carry 138 out any necessary inspections and make evaluations about what, if 139 any, alterations are necessary to prevent or correct any adverse 140 effects that a proposed new construction may have on existing 141 surface or subsurface drainage.
- (d) Regulations authorized by division (B)(3) of this section shall not apply to any property that has been approved by a

206 township general fund for materials to maintain and repair the 207 tiles does not exceed two hundred dollars for any one project. No 208 maintenance or repair shall be performed that is paid for from the 209 township general fund under this division until the board adopts a 210 resolution authorizing the maintenance or repair. If material 211 costs would exceed two hundred dollars, the board may proceed 212 under sections 521.02 to 521.07 of the Revised Code this chapter 213 to maintain and repair the tiles by assessing the cost against 214 property based on the special benefits the property receives from 215 the project.

Sec. 711.05. (A) Upon the submission of a plat for approval, 216 in accordance with section 711.041 of the Revised Code, the board 217 of county commissioners shall certify on it the date of the 218 submission. Within five days of submission of the plat, the board 219 shall schedule a meeting to consider the plat and send a written 220 notice by regular mail to the clerk of the board of township 221 trustees of the township in which the plat is located and the 222 board of health of the health district in which the plat is 223 located. The notice shall inform the trustees and the board of 224 health of the submission of the plat and of the date, time, and 225 location of any meeting at which the board of county commissioners 226 will consider or act upon the proposed plat. The meeting shall 227 take place within thirty days of submission of the plat, and no 228 meeting shall be held until at least seven days have passed from 229 the date the notice was sent by the board of county commissioners. 230 The approval of the board required by section 711.041 of the 231 Revised Code or the refusal to approve shall take place within 232 thirty days from the date of submission or such further time as 233 the applying party may agree to in writing; otherwise the plat is 234 deemed approved and may be recorded as if bearing such approval. 235

(B) The board may adopt general rules governing plats and

237 subdivisions of land falling within its jurisdiction, to secure 238 and provide for the coordination of the streets within the 239 subdivision with existing streets and roads or with existing 240 county highways, for the proper amount of open spaces for traffic, 241 circulation, and utilities, and for the avoidance of future 242 congestion of population detrimental to the public health, safety, 243 or welfare, but shall not impose a greater minimum lot area than 244 forty-eight hundred square feet. Before the board may amend or 245 adopt rules, it shall notify all the townships in the county of 246 the proposed amendments or rules by regular mail at least thirty 247 days before the public meeting at which the proposed amendments or 248 rules are to be considered.

The rules may require the county department board of health 249 to review and comment on a plat before the board of county 250 commissioners acts upon it and may also require proof of 251 compliance with any applicable zoning resolutions, and with 252 household sewage treatment rules adopted under section 3718.02 of 253 the Revised Code, as a basis for approval of a plat. Where under 254 the provisions of section 711.101 of the Revised Code the board of 255 county commissioners has set up standards and specifications for 256 the construction of streets, utilities, and other improvements for 257 common use, such the general rules may require the submission of 258 appropriate plans and specifications for approval. The board shall 259 not require the person submitting the plat to alter the plat or 260 any part of it as a condition for approval, as long as the plat is 261 in accordance with general rules governing plats and subdivisions 262 of land, adopted by the board as provided in this section, in 263 effect at the time the plat was submitted and the plat is in 264 accordance with any standards and specifications set up under 265 section 711.101 of the Revised Code, in effect at the time the 266 plat was submitted. 267

(C) The ground of refusal to approve any plat, submitted in

269 accordance with section 711.041 of the Revised Code, shall be 270 stated upon the record of the board, and, within sixty days 271 thereafter, the person submitting any plat that the board refuses 272 to approve may file a petition in the court of common pleas of the 273 county in which the land described in the plat is situated to 274 review the action of the board. A board of township trustees is 275 not entitled to appeal a decision of the board of county 276 commissioners under this section.

Sec. 711.10. Whenever a county planning commission or a 277 regional planning commission adopts a plan for the major streets 278 or highways of the county or region, no plat of a subdivision of 279 land within the county or region, other than land within a 280 municipal corporation or land within three miles of a city or one 281 and one-half miles of a village as provided in section 711.09 of 282 the Revised Code, shall be recorded until it is approved by the 283 county or regional planning commission and the approval is 284 endorsed in writing on the plat. Within five days after the 285 submission of a plat for approval, the county or regional planning 286 commission shall schedule a meeting to consider the plat and send 287 a notice by regular mail or by electronic mail to the clerk of the 288 board of township trustees of the township in which the plat is 289 located and the board of health of the health district in which 290 the plat is located. The notice shall inform the trustees and the 291 board of health of the submission of the plat and of the date, 292 time, and location of any meeting at which the county or regional 293 planning commission will consider or act upon the plat. The 294 meeting shall take place within thirty days after submission of 295 the plat, and no meeting shall be held until at least seven days 296 have passed from the date the notice was sent by the planning 297 commission. 298

The approval of the planning commission or the refusal to

approve shall be endorsed on the plat within thirty days after the	300
submission of the plat for approval, or within such further time	301
as the applying party may agree to in writing; otherwise that plat	302
is deemed approved, and the certificate of the planning commission	303
as to the date of the submission of the plat for approval and the	304
failure to take action on it within that time shall be sufficient	305
in lieu of the written endorsement or evidence of approval	306
required by this section. A county or regional planning commission	307
shall not require a person submitting the plat to alter the plat	308
or any part of it as a condition for approval, as long as the plat	309
is in accordance with the general rules governing plats and	310
subdivisions of land, adopted by the commission as provided in	311
this section, in effect at the time the plat is submitted. The	312
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ground of refusal of approval of any plat submitted, including	314
citation of or reference to the rule violated by the plat, shall	315
be stated upon the record of the commission. Within sixty days	316
after the refusal, the person submitting any plat that the county	317
or regional planning commission refuses to approve may file a	318
petition in the court of common pleas of the proper county, and	319
the proceedings on the petition shall be governed by section	320
711.09 of the Revised Code as in the case of the refusal of a	321
planning authority to approve a plat. A board of township trustees	322
is not entitled to appeal a decision of the county or regional	323
planning commission under this section.	223

A county or regional planning commission shall adopt general 324 rules, of uniform application, governing plats and subdivisions of 325 land falling within its jurisdiction, to secure and provide for 326 the proper arrangement of streets or other highways in relation to 327 existing or planned streets or highways or to the county or 328 regional plan, for adequate and convenient open spaces for 329 traffic, utilities, access of firefighting apparatus, recreation, 330 light, and air, and for the avoidance of congestion of population. 331

332 The rules may provide for their modification by the county or 333 regional planning commission in specific cases where unusual 334 topographical and other exceptional conditions require the 335 modification. The rules may require the county department board of 336 health to review and comment on a plat before the county or 337 regional planning commission acts upon it and may also require 338 proof of compliance with any applicable zoning resolutions, and 339 with household sewage treatment rules adopted under section 340 3718.02 of the Revised Code, as a basis for approval of a plat.

Before adoption of its rules or amendment of its rules, a 341 public hearing shall be held on the adoption or amendment by the 342 commission. Notice of the public hearing shall be sent to all 343 townships in the county or region by regular mail or electronic 344 mail at least thirty days before the hearing. No county or 345 regional planning commission shall adopt any rules requiring 346 actual construction of streets or other improvements or facilities 347 or assurance of that construction as a condition precedent to the 348 approval of a plat of a subdivision unless the requirements have 349 first been adopted by the board of county commissioners after a 350 public hearing. A copy of the rules shall be certified by the 351 planning commission to the county recorders of the appropriate 352 counties. 353

After a county or regional street or highway plan has been 354 adopted as provided in this section, the approval of plats and 355 subdivisions provided for in this section shall be in lieu of any 356 approvals provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, so 357 far as the territory within the approving jurisdiction of the 358 county or regional planning commission, as provided in this 359 section, is concerned. Approval of a plat shall not be an 360 acceptance by the public of the dedication of any street, highway, 361 or other way or open space shown upon the plat. Any county or 362 regional planning commission and a city or village planning 363

364 commission, or platting commissioner or legislative authority of a 365 village, with subdivision regulation jurisdiction over 366 unincorporated territory within the county or region may cooperate 367 and agree by written agreement that the approval of a plat by the 368 city or village planning commission, or platting commissioner or 369 legislative authority of a village, as provided in section 711.09 370 of the Revised Code, shall be conditioned upon receiving advice 371 from or approval by the county or regional planning commission.

Sec. 711.131. Notwithstanding sections 711.001 to 711.13 of 372 the Revised Code, a proposed division of a parcel of land along an 373 existing public street, not involving the opening, widening, or 374 extension of any street or road, and involving no more than five 375 lots after the original tract has been completely subdivided, may 376 be submitted to the authority having approving jurisdiction of 377 plats under section 711.05, 711.09, or 711.10 of the Revised Code 378 for approval without plat. If the authority acting through a 379 properly designated representative is satisfied that the proposed 380 division is not contrary to applicable platting, subdividing, 381 zoning, or access management regulations or, regulations adopted 382 under division (B)(3) of section 307.37 of the Revised Code 383 regarding existing surface or subsurface drainage, or household 384 sewage treatment rules adopted under section 3718.02 of the 385 Revised Code, it shall within seven working days after submission 386 approve the proposed division and, on presentation of a conveyance 387 of the parcel, shall stamp the conveyance "approved by (planning 388 authority); no plat required and have it signed by its clerk, 389 secretary, or other official as may be designated by it. The 390 planning authority may require the submission of a sketch and 391 other information that is pertinent to its determination under 392 this section. 393

from the requirements of section 6111.04 of the Revised Code

urinals, lavatories, bathtubs, laundry tubs or devices, floor

drains, drinking fountains, or other sanitary fixtures, and may	487
include liquid containing chemicals in solution that originates	488
from humans and human activities. "Sewage" includes liquids	489
containing household chemicals in solution commonly discharged	490
from a residence or from commercial, institutional, or other	491
similar facilities.	492

- (3) "Small flow on-site sewage treatment system" means a

 system, other than a household sewage treatment system, that

 treats not more than one thousand gallons of sewage per day and

 that does not require a national pollutant discharge elimination

 system permit issued under section 6111.03 of the Revised Code or

 an injection well drilling or operating permit issued under

 section 6111.043 of the Revised Code.

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- (B) If any owner, leaseholder, or assignee of real property 500 fails to pay a fee as required by rule of a board of health of a 501 city or general health district pursuant to section 3709.09 of the 502 Revised Code for an operation permit for, or for inspection of, a 503 household sewage disposal treatment system or a small flow on-site 504 sewage treatment system located on the real property, the health 505 commissioner of the city or general health district or the 506 commissioner's designated representative shall notify the owner, 507 leaseholder, or assignee of the real property of the amount of the 508 fee and any accrued penalties for late payment of the fee. The 509 notice shall state, in boldface letters: "You have 30 days to 510 object to the amount of the unpaid operation permit or inspection 511 fee for your household sewage disposal treatment system or small 512 flow on-site sewage treatment system, as applicable, as designated 513 in this notice, which may include accrued penalties for late 514 payment of the fee. If you do not pay this amount as instructed 515 herein within 30 days of receipt of this notice or object to this 516 amount during that time period in accordance with the procedures 517 set forth herein, the amount will be placed as a lien on your real 518

(b) Specifications for discharging systems that do not	640
conflict with provisions related to the national pollutant	641
discharge elimination system permit program established in section	642
6111.03 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it;	643
(c) Requirements for the maintenance of a system according to	644
the manufacturer's instructions, if available;	645
(d) Requirements and procedures under which a person may	646
demonstrate the required maintenance of a system in lieu of having	647
an inspection conducted when an inspection otherwise is required.	648
The rules also shall require that a system that has been or	649
is sited or installed prior to or on the effective date of the	650
rules and that is operating on that date shall be deemed approved	651
unless the system is declared to be a public health nuisance by a	652
board of health.	653
(4) Prescribe procedures for notification to boards of health	654
of the approval of a sewage treatment system or components of a	655
system by the director of health under section 3718.04 of the	656
Revised Code;	657
(5) Prescribe criteria and procedures under which boards of	658
health shall issue installation and operation permits for sewage	659
treatment systems. The rules shall require as a condition of an	660
installation permit that the installer of a system must warrant	661
that the system was installed in accordance with all applicable	662
rules and design requirements. In addition, the rules shall	663
require a board of health, not later than sixty days after the	664
issuance of an installation permit, to certify to the director on	665
a form provided by the director that the permit was issued.	666
(6) Require a board of health to inspect a sewage treatment	667
system not later than eighteen months after its installation to	668
ensure that the system is operating properly. The rules shall	669
require a board of health, not later than sixty days after the	670

resulting from household sewage treatment systems within the

districts established under the program. For purposes of division

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(A)(12) of this section, a board of health may enter into a	702
contract with any entity to administer a household sewage	703
treatment district management program.	704
(13) Prescribe standards for the siting, design,	705
installation, operation, monitoring, maintenance, and abandonment	706
of small flow on-site sewage treatment systems that may be used in	707
this state.	708
The council may adopt other rules under division (A) of this	709
section that it determines are necessary to implement this chapter	710
and to protect the public health and welfare.	711
At least sixty days prior to adopting a rule under division	712
(A) of this section, the council shall provide boards of health	713
and any other interested parties an opportunity to comment on the	714
rule.	715
(B) In accordance with section 3709.20 or 3709.21 of the	716
Revised Code, as applicable, and subject to review by and approval	717
of the director under division (C) of section 3718.05 of the	718
Revised Code, a board of health may adopt rules necessary for the	719
public health providing for more stringent standards governing	720
household sewage treatment systems, installers, service providers,	721
or septage haulers than those established in rules of the public	722
health council adopted under division (A) of this section. A board	723
that intends to adopt such rules shall notify the department of	724
health of the rules at least ninety days prior to the proposed	725
date of adoption. The director shall approve or disapprove any	726
such proposed rule within ninety days after receiving notice of it	727
under this division. If the director fails to approve or	728
disapprove a proposed rule within ninety days after receiving	729
notice of it, the proposed rule shall be deemed approved.	730
Sec. 3718.021. (A) A board of health may regulate the siting,	731

are knowledgeable about sewage treatment systems and technologies

to be appointed by the director. Of the ten members appointed by

the director, one shall represent academia, two shall represent

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the interests of manufacturers of household sewage treatment	764
systems, one shall represent installers and service providers, two	765
shall be health commissioners who are members of and recommended	766
by the association of Ohio health commissioners, one shall be a	767
sanitarian who is registered under Chapter 4736. of the Revised	768
Code and who is a member of the Ohio environmental health	769
association, one shall be an engineer from the environmental	770
protection agency, one shall be selected from among soil	771
scientists from the division of soil and water conservation in the	772
department of natural resources, and one shall be a representative	773
of the public who is not employed by the state or any of its	774
political subdivisions and who does not have a pecuniary interest	775
in sewage treatment systems. All appointments to the committee	776
shall be made not later than sixty days after the effective date	777
of this section.	778

(B) Of the initial members appointed by the director to the 779 technical advisory committee, three shall be appointed for one 780 year, three shall be appointed for two years, and four shall be 781 appointed for three years. Thereafter, terms shall be for three 782 years, with each term ending on the same day of the same month as 783 did the term that it succeeds. Each member shall serve from the 784 date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member 785 was appointed. 786

Members may be reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the 787 same manner as provided for original appointments. Any member 788 appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date 789 of the term for which the member was appointed shall hold office 790 for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue to serve 791 after the expiration date of the member's term until the member's 792 successor is appointed or until a period of sixty days has 793 elapsed, whichever occurs first. The director may remove a member 794 from the committee for failure to attend two consecutive meetings 795

without showing good cause for the absences.	796
(C) The director or the director's designee shall serve as	797
the chairperson of the technical advisory committee. The committee	798
annually shall select from among its members a vice-chairperson	799
and a secretary to keep a record of its proceedings. A majority	800
vote of the members of the full committee is necessary to take	801
action on any matter. The committee may adopt bylaws governing its	802
operation, including bylaws that establish the frequency of	803
meetings.	804
(D) Serving as a member of the sewage treatment system	805
technical advisory committee does not constitute holding a public	806
office or position of employment under the laws of this state and	807
does not constitute grounds for removal of public officers or	808
employees from their offices or positions of employment. Members	809
of the committee shall serve without compensation for attending	810
committee meetings.	811
(E) A member of the committee shall not have a conflict of	812
interest with the position. For the purposes of this division,	813
"conflict of interest" means the taking of any action that	814
violates any provision of Chapter 102. or 2921. of the Revised	815
Code.	816
(F) The sewage treatment system technical advisory committee	817
shall do all of the following:	818
(1) Develop with the department of health standards and	819
guidelines for use by the director in approving or disapproving a	820
sewage treatment system or components of a system under section	821
3718.04 of the Revised Code;	822
(2) Develop with the department an application form to be	823
submitted to the director by an applicant for approval or	824
disapproval of a sewage treatment system or components of a system	825
and specify the information that must be included with an	826

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shall complete the form and include with it all of the information	857
that is required by the department and the sewage treatment system	858
technical advisory committee. The applicant shall submit a	859
completed application and all required information to the director	860
of health.	861
(B) Upon receipt of an application, the director shall	862
examine the application and all accompanying information to	863
determine if the application is complete. If the director	864
determines that the application is not complete, the director	865
shall notify the applicant not later than fourteen days after	866
determining that the application is not complete, provide a	867
description of the information that is missing from the	868
application, and return the application and all accompanying	869
information to the applicant. The applicant may resubmit the	870
application to the director. Not later than fourteen days after	871
receipt of a complete application, the director shall notify the	872
committee of the complete application and send a copy of the	873
complete application and all accompanying information to the	874
committee together with a request that the committee advise the	875
director on the approval or disapproval of the system.	876
(C) In approving or disapproving an application, the director	877
shall use the standards and quidelines that the committee	878
developed with the department for that purpose. The director shall	879
not approve an application that fails to comply with those	880
standards and guidelines. If the committee advises the director	881
concerning the application, the director shall consider the advice	882
before approving or disapproving the application. However, if the	883
committee fails to provide advice or if the committee fails to	884
provide advice within a reasonable period of time before the	885
director is required to approve or disapprove the application, the	886
director may approve or disapprove the application without	887

(D) Survey boards of health as required by section 3718.07 of

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which an installation permit is issued, a board shall certify the	948
amount collected under division (A)(2) of this section and	949
transmit the amount to the treasurer of state. All money so	950
received shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of	951
the general operations fund created in section 3701.83 of the	952
Revised Code. The director shall use the money so credited solely	953
for the administration and enforcement of this chapter and the	954
rules adopted under it by the public health council.	955
(B) The director may submit recommendations to the council	956
regarding the amount of the fee collected under division (A)(2) of	957
this section for installation permits. When making the	958
recommendations, the director shall submit a report stating the	959
current and projected expenses of administering and enforcing this	960
chapter and the rules adopted under it by the council and the	961
total of all money that has been deposited to the credit of the	962
general operations fund under division (A)(2) of this section. The	963
director may include in the report any recommendations for	964
modifying the requirements established under this chapter and the	965
rules adopted under it by the council.	966
Sec. 3718.07. The director of health shall survey each city	967
and general health district at least once every three years to	968
determine whether there is substantial compliance with the	969
requirements of this chapter pertaining to health districts and	970
the applicable rules adopted by the public health council under	971
this chapter. Upon determining that there is substantial	972
compliance, the director shall place the district on an approved	973
list. The director may resurvey an approved district if it is	974
determined by the director to be necessary and may remove from the	975
list a district that is found not to be substantially complying	976
with the requirements of this chapter pertaining to health	977
districts and the applicable rules.	978

If the director determines that a district is not eligible to	979
be placed on the approved list or to continue on the list after a	980
resurvey, the director shall certify that determination to the	981
board of health, and the director shall carry out the duties of	982
the unapproved health district under this chapter and the	983
applicable rules adopted under it within the district or shall	984
contract with an approved health district to conduct those duties	985
until the unapproved district is placed on or returned to the	986
approved list. The director or the contracting district shall have	987
within the unapproved district the authority to exercise powers	988
and perform duties granted to or imposed on the board under this	989
chapter and the applicable rules adopted under it.	990
Until the unapproved district is placed on or returned to the	991
approved list, the director or the contracting district shall	992
collect all fees payable to the board of health under this chapter	993
and all such fees previously paid to the unapproved district that	994
have not been expended or encumbered. The director shall deposit	995
those fees in the state treasury to the credit of a special fund,	996
which is hereby created, to be used by the director for the	997
purpose of carrying out the duties of the unapproved health	998
district under this chapter and the applicable rules adopted under	999
it. A contracting district shall deposit those fees to the credit	1000
of its fund created under section 3718.06 of the Revised Code to	1001
be used by the district for the purpose of carrying out the duties	1002
of the unapproved district under this chapter and the applicable	1003
rules adopted under it. The director or contracting district shall	1004
repay to the unapproved district any balance remaining in the	1005
applicable fund from all sources when the unapproved district is	1006
placed on or returned to the approved list by the director.	1007
If a health district is removed from the approved list under	1008
this section and the board of health of the district is regulating	1009

small flow on-site sewage treatment systems in the district under

or a board of health, shall prosecute to termination or bring an	1041
action for injunction or other appropriate relief against any	1042
person who is violating or has violated this chapter, any rule	1043
adopted or order issued under it, or any condition of a	1044
registration or permit issued under rules adopted under it. The	1045
court of common pleas or the municipal or county court in which an	1046
action for injunction is filed has jurisdiction to grant such	1047
relief upon a showing that the respondent named in the complaint	1048
is or was in violation of the chapter or rules, orders, or	1049
conditions.	1050
Upon finding that a person intentionally has violated this	1051
chapter, a rule adopted or order issued under it, or any condition	1052
of a registration or permit issued under rules adopted under it,	1053
the court may assess a civil penalty of not more than one hundred	1054
dollars for each day of violation against the person. Seventy-five	1055
per cent of any penalties assessed by the court under this	1056
division shall be paid to the health district whose board of	1057
health brought the complaint, or to the state treasury to the	1058
credit of the general operations fund created in section 3701.83	1059
of the Revised Code if the director of health is carrying out the	1060
duties of an unapproved health district in which the violation	1061
occurred in accordance with section 3718.07 of the Revised Code,	1062
and shall be used for the purposes of this chapter and the rules	1063
adopted under it. Twenty-five per cent of any penalties assessed	1064
by the court under this division shall be paid to the prosecuting	1065
attorney of the county or city director of law, village solicitor,	1066
or other chief legal officer of the municipal corporation that	1067
prosecuted or brought the action under this division to pay the	1068
expenses incurred in bringing the action.	1069
(B) The remedies provided in this chapter are in addition to	1070

any other remedies available under law.

Sec. 3718.99. Whoever purposely violates section 3718.08 of	1072
the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one thousand	1073
dollars. Each day of violation is a separate offense. All money	1074
collected from fines under this section shall be used to	1075
administer and enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it and	1076
shall be deposited as follows:	1077
(A) If the violation occurred within a health district that	1078
is approved under section 3718.07 of the Revised Code, the money	1079
shall be deposited to the credit of the district's special fund	1080
created under section 3718.06 of the Revised Code.	1081
(B) If the violation occurred within a health district that	1082
is not approved under section 3718.07 of the Revised Code and a	1083
contracting district is carrying out the duties of the unapproved	1084
health district in accordance with that section, the money shall	1085
be deposited to the credit of the contracting district's special	1086
fund created under section 3718.06 of the Revised Code.	1087
(C) If the violation occurred within an unapproved health	1088
district and the director of health is carrying out the duties of	1089
the unapproved health district in accordance with section 3718.07	1090
of the Revised Code, the money shall be deposited in the state	1091
treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created in	1092
section 3701.83 of the Revised Code.	1093
Sec. 4736.01. As used in this chapter:	1094
(A) "Environmental health science" means the aspect of public	1095
health science that includes, but is not limited to, the following	1096
bodies of knowledge: air quality, food quality and protection,	1097
hazardous and toxic substances, consumer product safety, housing,	1098
institutional health and safety, community noise control,	1099
radiation protection, recreational facilities, solid and liquid	1100
waste management vector control drinking water quality milk	1101

"Practice of environmental health" does not include sampling,

testing, controlling of vectors, reporting of observations, or

knowledge and skills in environmental health science performed

other duties that do not require application of specialized

under the supervision of a registered sanitarian.

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The state board of sanitarian registration may further define	1132
environmental health science in relation to specific functions in	1133
the practice of environmental health through rules adopted by the	1134
board under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	1135
Sec. 5302.30. (A) As used in this section:	1136
(1) "Good faith" means honesty in fact in a transaction	1137
involving the transfer of residential real property.	1138
(2) "Land installment contract" has the same meaning as in	1139
section 5313.01 of the Revised Code.	1140
(3) "Political subdivision" and "state" have the same	1141
meanings as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.	1142
(4) "Residential real property" means real property that is	1143
improved by a building or other structure that has one to four	1144
dwelling units.	1145
(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section,	1146
this section applies to any transfer of residential real property	1147
that occurs on or after July 1, 1993, by sale, land installment	1148
contract, lease with option to purchase, exchange, or lease for a	1149
term of ninety-nine years and renewable forever. For purposes of	1150
this section, a transfer occurs when the initial contract for	1151
transfer is executed, regardless of when legal title is	1152
transferred, and references in this section to transfer offers and	1153
transfer agreements refer to offers and agreements in respect of	1154
the initial contract for transfer.	1155
(2) This section does not apply to any transfer of	1156
residential real property that is any of the following:	1157
(a) A transfer pursuant to court order, including, but not	1158
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writ of execution, a transfer by a trustee in bankruptcy, a

(k) A transfer to or from the state, a political subdivision	1192
of the state, or another governmental entity;	1193
(1) A transfer that involves newly constructed residential	1194
real property that previously has not been inhabited;	1195
(m) A transfer to a transferee who has occupied the property	1196
as a personal residence for one or more years immediately prior to	1197
the transfer;	1198
(n) A transfer from a transferor who both has not occupied	1199
the property as a personal residence within one year immediately	1200
prior to the transfer and has acquired the property through	1201
inheritance or devise.	1202
(C) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section and	1203
subject to divisions (E) and (F) of this section, every person who	1204
intends to transfer any residential real property on or after July	1205
1, 1993, by sale, land installment contract, lease with option to	1206
purchase, exchange, or lease for a term of ninety-nine years and	1207
renewable forever shall complete all applicable items in a	1208
property disclosure form prescribed under division (D) of this	1209
section and shall deliver in accordance with division (I) of this	1210
section a signed and dated copy of the completed form to each	1211
prospective transferee or his prospective transferee's agent as	1212
soon as is practicable.	1213
(D) (1) Prior to July 1, 1993, the director of commerce, by	1214
rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code,	1215
shall prescribe the disclosure form to be completed by	1216
transferors. The form prescribed by the director shall be designed	1217
to permit the transferor to disclose material matters relating to	1218
the physical condition of the property to be transferred,	1219
including, but not limited to, the source of water supply to the	1220
property; the nature of the sewer system serving the property; the	1221
condition of the structure of the property, including the roof,	1222

foundation, walls, and floors; the presence of hazardous materials	1223
or substances, including lead-based paint, asbestos,	1224
urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, and radon gas; and any material	1225
defects in the property that are within the actual knowledge of	1226
the transferor	1227

The form also shall set forth a statement of the purpose of 1228 the form, including statements substantially similar to the 1229 following: that the form constitutes a statement of the conditions 1230 of the property and of information concerning the property 1231 actually known by the transferor; that, unless the transferee is 1232 otherwise advised in writing, the transferor, other than having 1233 lived at or owning the property, possesses no greater knowledge 1234 than that which could be obtained by a careful inspection of the 1235 property by a potential transferee; that the statement is not a 1236 warranty of any kind by the transferor or by any agent or subagent 1237 representing the transferor in this transaction; that the 1238 statement is not a substitute for any inspections; that the 1239 transferee is encouraged to obtain his/her the transferee's own 1240 professional inspection; that the representations are made by the 1241 transferor and are not the representations of the transferor's 1242 agent or subagent; and that the form and the representations 1243 contained therein are provided by the transferor exclusively to 1244 potential transferees in a transfer made by the transferor, and 1245 are not made to transferees in any subsequent transfers. 1246

The form shall include instructions to the transferor for 1247 completing the form, space in which the transferor or transferors 1248 shall sign and date the form, and space in which the transferee or 1249 transferees shall sign and date the form acknowledging receipt of 1250 a copy of the form and stating that the transferee or transferees 1251 understand the purpose of the form as stated thereon. 1252

(2) Not later than January 1, 2006, the director shall revise 1253

the disclosure form to include a statement that information on the 1254

agreement, the subsequent inaccuracy does not cause, and shall not

be construed as causing, the transferor of the residential real

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(J) The specification of items of information that must be

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1317 disclosed in the property disclosure form as prescribed under 1318 division (D)(1) of this section does not limit or abridge, and 1319 shall not be construed as limiting or abridging, any obligation to 1320 disclose an item of information that is created by any other 1321 provision of the Revised Code or the common law of this state or 1322 that may exist in order to preclude fraud, either by 1323 misrepresentation, concealment, or nondisclosure in a transaction 1324 involving the transfer of residential real property. The 1325 disclosure requirements of this section do not bar, and shall not 1326 be construed as barring, the application of any legal or equitable 1327 defense that a transferor of residential real property may assert 1328 in a civil action commenced against the transferor by a 1329 prospective or actual transferee of that property.

- (K)(1) Except as provided in division (K)(2) of this section, 1330 but subject to divisions (J) and (L) of this section, a transfer 1331 of residential real property that is subject to this section shall 1332 not be invalidated because of the failure of the transferor to 1333 provide to the transferee in accordance with division (C) of this 1334 section a completed property disclosure form as prescribed under 1335 division (D) of this section.
- (2) Subject to division (K)(3)(c) of this section, if a 1337 transferee of residential real property that is subject to this 1338 section receives a property disclosure form or an amendment of 1339 that form as described in division (G) of this section after the 1340 transferee has entered into a transfer agreement with respect to 1341 the property, the transferee, after his receipt of the form or 1342 amendment, may rescind the transfer agreement in a written, 1343 signed, and dated document that is delivered to the transferor or 1344 his the transferor's agent or subagent in accordance with 1345 divisions (K)(3)(a) and (b) of this section, without incurring any 1346 legal liability to the transferor because of the rescission, 1347 including, but not limited to, a civil action for specific 1348

performance of the transfer agreement. Upon the rescission of the	1349
transfer agreement, the transferee is entitled to the return of,	1350
and the transferor shall return, any deposits made by the	1351
transferee in connection with the proposed transfer of the	1352
residential real property.	1353

- (3)(a) Subject to division (K)(3)(b) of this section, a 1354 rescission of a transfer agreement under division (K)(2) of this 1355 section only may occur if the transferee's written, signed, and 1356 dated document of rescission is delivered to the transferor or his 1357 the transferor's agent or subagent within three business days 1358 following the date on which the transferee or his the transferee's 1359 agent receives the property disclosure form prescribed under 1360 division (D) of this section or the amendment of that form as 1361 described in division (G) of this section. 1362
- (b) A transferee may not rescind a transfer agreement under

 division (K)(2) of this section unless he the transferee rescinds

 the transfer agreement by the earlier of the date that is thirty

 days after the date upon which the transferor accepted the

 transferee's transfer offer or the date of the closing of the

 transfer of the residential real property.

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- (c) A transferee of residential real property may waive the
 right of rescission of a transfer agreement described in division
 (K)(2) of this section.
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- (d) A rescission of a transfer agreement is not permissible 1372 under division (K)(2) of this section if a transferee of 1373 residential real property that is subject to this section receives 1374 a property disclosure form as prescribed under division (D) of 1375 this section or an amendment of that form as described in division 1376 (G) of this section prior to the transferee's submission to the 1377 transferor or his the transferor's agent or subagent of a transfer 1378 offer and the transferee's entry into a transfer agreement with 1379 respect to the property. 1380

(4) If a transferee of residential real property subject to	1381
this section does not receive a property disclosure form from the	1382
transferor after the transferee has submitted to the transferor or	1383
his the transferor's agent or subagent a transfer offer and has	1384
entered into a transfer agreement with respect to the property,	1385
the transferee may rescind the transfer agreement in a written,	1386
signed, and dated document that is delivered to the transferor or	1387
his the transferor's agent or subagent in accordance with division	1388
(K)(4) of this paragraph, section without incurring any legal	1389
liability to the transferor because of the rescission, including,	1390
but not limited to, a civil action for specific performance of the	1391
transfer agreement. Upon the rescission of the transfer agreement,	1392
the transferee is entitled to the return of, and the transferor	1393
shall return, any deposits made by the transferee in connection	1394
with the proposed transfer of the residential real property. A	1395
transferee may not rescind a transfer agreement under <u>division</u>	1396
(K)(4) of this paragraph section unless he the transferee rescinds	1397
the transfer agreement by the earlier of the date that is thirty	1398
days after the date upon which the transferor accepted the	1399
transferee's transfer offer or the date of the closing of the	1400
transfer of the residential real property.	1401
(L) The right of rescission of a transfer agreement described	1402

- (L) The right of rescission of a transfer agreement described 1402 in division (K)(2) of this section or the absence of that right 1403 does not affect, and shall not be construed as affecting, any 1404 other legal causes of action or other remedies that a transferee 1405 or prospective transferee of residential real property may possess 1406 against the transferor of that property. 1407
- Sec. 6111.04. (A) Both of the following apply except as

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 otherwise provided in division (A) or (F) of this section:
- (1) No person shall cause pollution or place or cause to be 1410 placed any sewage, sludge, sludge materials, industrial waste, or 1411

under an existing permit without first receiving a permit from the

director to do so.

- (D) No person to whom a sludge management permit has been 1444 issued shall place on the land or release into the air of the 1445 state any sludge or sludge materials in excess of the permissive 1446 amounts specified under the existing sludge management permit 1447 without first receiving a modification of the existing sludge 1448 management permit or a new sludge management permit to do so from 1449 the director.
- (E) The director may require the submission of plans, 1451 specifications, and other information that the director considers 1452 relevant in connection with the issuance of permits. 1453
 - (F) This section does not apply to any of the following: 1454
- (1) Waters used in washing sand, gravel, other aggregates, or 1455 mineral products when the washing and the ultimate disposal of the 1456 water used in the washing, including any sewage, industrial waste, 1457 or other wastes contained in the waters, are entirely confined to 1458 the land under the control of the person engaged in the recovery 1459 and processing of the sand, gravel, other aggregates, or mineral 1460 products and do not result in the pollution of waters of the 1461 state; 1462
- (2) Water, gas, or other material injected into a well to 1463 facilitate, or that is incidental to, the production of oil, gas, 1464 artificial brine, or water derived in association with oil or gas 1465 production and disposed of in a well, in compliance with a permit 1466 issued under Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code, or sewage, 1467 industrial waste, or other wastes injected into a well in 1468 compliance with an injection well operating permit. Division 1469 (F)(2) of this section does not authorize, without a permit, any 1470 discharge that is prohibited by, or for which a permit is required 1471 by, regulation of the United States environmental protection 1472

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- (8) Exceptional quality sludge generated outside of this 1504 state and contained in bags or other containers not greater than 1505 one hundred pounds in capacity. As used in division (F)(8) of this 1506 section, "exceptional quality sludge" has the same meaning as in 1507 division (Y) of section 3745.11 of the Revised Code. 1508
- (G) The holder of a permit issued under section 402 (a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act need not obtain a permit 1510 for a discharge authorized by the permit until its expiration 1511 date. The director shall administer and enforce those permits 1512 within this state and may modify their terms and conditions in 1513 accordance with division (J) of section 6111.03 of the Revised 1514 Code.
- Sec. 6111.44. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 1516 (B) of this section, in section 6111.14 of the Revised Code, or in 1517 rules adopted under division (G) of section 6111.03 of the Revised 1518 Code, no municipal corporation, county, public institution, 1519 corporation, or officer or employee thereof or other person shall 1520 provide or install sewerage or treatment works for sewage, sludge, 1521 or sludge materials disposal or treatment or make a change in any 1522 sewerage or treatment works until the plans therefor have been 1523 submitted to and approved by the director of environmental 1524 protection. Sections 6111.44 to 6111.46 of the Revised Code apply 1525 to sewerage and treatment works of a municipal corporation or part 1526 thereof, an unincorporated community, a county sewer district, or 1527 other land outside of a municipal corporation or any publicly or 1528 privately owned building or group of buildings or place, used for 1529 the assemblage, entertainment, recreation, education, correction, 1530 hospitalization, housing, or employment of persons. 1531

In granting an approval, the director may stipulate 1532 modifications, conditions, and rules that the public health and 1533 prevention of pollution may require. Any action taken by the 1534

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director shall be a matter of public record and shall be entered	1535
in the director's journal. Each period of thirty days that a	1536
violation of this section continues, after a conviction for the	1537
violation, constitutes a separate offense.	1538
(B) Sections 6111.45 and 6111.46 of the Revised Code and	1539
division (A) of this section do not apply to any of the following:	1540
(1) Sewerage or treatment works for sewage installed or to be	1541
installed for the use of a private residence or dwelling;	1542
(2) Sewerage systems, treatment works, or disposal systems	1543
for storm water from an animal feeding facility or manure, as	1544
"animal feeding facility" and "manure" are defined in section	1545
903.01 of the Revised Code;	1546
(3) Animal waste treatment or disposal works and related	1547
management and conservation practices that are subject to rules	1548
adopted under division (E)(2) of section 1511.02 of the Revised	1549
Code <u>;</u>	1550
(4) Sewerage or treatment works for the on-lot disposal or	1551
treatment of sewage from a small flow on-site sewage treatment	1552
system, as defined in section 3718.01 of the Revised Code, if the	1553
board of health of a city or general health district has notified	1554
the director of health and the director of environmental	1555
protection under section 3718.021 of the Revised Code that the	1556
board has chosen to regulate the system, provided that the board	1557
remains in compliance with the rules adopted under division	1558
(A)(13) of section 3718.02 of the Revised Code.	1559
The exclusions established in divisions $(B)(2)$ and (3) of	1560
this section do not apply to the construction or installation of	1561
disposal systems, as defined in section 6111.01 of the Revised	1562
Code, that are located at an animal feeding facility and that	1563
store, treat, or discharge wastewaters that do not include storm	1564

water or manure or that discharge to a publicly owned treatment

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