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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act was enacted in 1973 "to protect, promote and preserve the public health, safety and general welfare by providing for licensing of private sewage disposal contractors and the establishment and enforcement of a minimum code of standards for design, construction, materials, operation and maintenance of private sewage disposal systems, for the transportation and disposal of wastes therefrom, and for private sewage disposal servicing equipment"; and

WHEREAS, Innovations in technology for the development and use of onsite wastewater systems have changed since 1973; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has experienced substantial population growth and expansion into rural areas, dramatically increasing the number of onsite wastewater systems in use in those areas; and

WHEREAS, Rural population growth has created a need for more professional and innovative solutions to onsite wastewater problems in the State; and

WHEREAS, Both the State and federal government lack sufficient funding to properly inspect, test, and develop onsite wastewater systems in a manner that protects and promotes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the State of Illinois; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Private Sewage Disposal Review Commission consisting of 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House and 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House,

1 all of whom shall serve without compensation but shall be
2 reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from
3 funds available for that purpose; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall meet initially at the
5 call of the Speaker, shall select one member as chairperson at
6 its initial meeting, shall thereafter meet at the call of the
7 chairperson, shall hold public hearings, shall receive the
8 assistance of legislative staff, and shall report its findings
9 and recommendations concerning the Private Sewage Disposal
10 Licensing Act to the House by filing copies of its report with
11 the Clerk of the House on or before January 2, 2005; and that
12 upon filing its report the Commission is dissolved.