

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.12771 Outhouses; requirements; rules; violation as misdemeanor; public nuisance; "outhouse" defined.**

Sec. 12771.

(1) A person shall not maintain, or permit to be maintained, on premises owned or controlled by the person an outhouse unless the outhouse is kept in a sanitary condition, and constructed and maintained in a manner which will not injure or endanger the public health.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules governing the construction and maintenance of outhouses to safeguard the public health and to prevent the spread of disease and the existence of sources of contamination.

(3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. An outhouse not constructed or maintained as required by this section or the rules promulgated pursuant to this section shall be a public nuisance.

(4) As used in this section, "outhouse" means a building or other structure not connected with a sewer system or with a properly installed and operated sewage disposal system, and which is used for the reception, disposition, or storage, either temporarily or permanently, of feces or other excreta from the human body.

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