

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to stormwater management system design;
 3 establishing a task force to develop recommendations
 4 relating to stormwater management system design;
 5 specifying study criteria; providing for task force
 6 membership, meetings, and expiration; requiring the task
 7 force to submit findings and legislative recommendations
 8 to the Legislature by a specified date; providing an
 9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. (1) A task force is established to develop
 14 legislative recommendations relating to stormwater management
 15 system design in the state. The task force shall:

16 (a) Review the Joint Professional Engineers and Landscape
 17 Architecture Committee Report conducted pursuant to s. 17,
 18 chapter 88-347, Laws of Florida, and determine the current
 19 validity of the report and the need to revise any of the
 20 conclusions or recommendations.

21 (b) Determine how a licensed and registered professional
 22 might demonstrate competency for stormwater management system
 23 design.

24 (c) Determine how the Board of Professional Engineers and
 25 the Board of Landscape Architecture might administer
 26 certification tests or continuing education requirements for
 27 stormwater management system design.

28 (d) Provide recommendations for grandfathering the rights

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29 of licensed professionals who currently practice stormwater
30 management design in a manner that will allow them to continue
31 to practice without meeting any new requirements the task force
32 recommends be placed on licensed professionals in the future.

33 (2) (a) The Board of Landscape Architecture, the Board of
34 Professional Engineers, the Florida Engineering Society, the
35 Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects,
36 the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and the Secretary of
37 Transportation shall each appoint one member to the task force.

38 (b) Members of the task force may not be reimbursed for
39 travel, per diem, or any other costs associated with serving on
40 the task force.

41 (c) The task force shall meet a minimum of four times
42 either in person or via teleconference; however, a minimum of
43 two meetings shall be public hearings with testimony.

44 (d) The task force shall expire on November 1, 2009.

45 (3) The task force shall provide its findings and
46 legislative recommendations to the President of the Senate and
47 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2009.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.