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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Lawson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 594 - 617  
and insert:

(d) Implement a mandatory statewide onsite sewage treatment and disposal system inspection program in accordance with the department's rules that provides for an inspection of each onsite sewage treatment and disposal system at least once every 5 years.

1. Initiation of the ongoing inspection cycle shall be phased in as follows:

a. All existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal



13 systems must be inspected no later July 1, 2019, or when the  
14 onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems are inspected under  
15 other departmental criteria or otherwise serviced, repaired, or  
16 modified, whichever occurs first.

17 b. All new onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems  
18 installed on or after July 1, 2009, must be inspected no later  
19 than 5 years from the date of installation, or when the onsite  
20 sewage treatment and disposal systems are inspected under other  
21 departmental criteria or otherwise serviced, repaired or  
22 modified, whichever occurs first.

23 c. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to a  
24 property with 1 residential dwelling unit per 3 or more acres  
25 unless the property abuts a water body or water segment that is  
26 listed as impaired pursuant to s. 403.067 or is within a county  
27 designated as a spring protection zone pursuant to s. 369.404.

28 2. The department, local government, or state-licensed  
29 septic tank contractor or plumber shall charge an additional fee  
30 of up to \$20 for each onsite sewage treatment and disposal  
31 system inspected. Upon completion of the inspection, the entity  
32 conducting the inspection shall submit an inspection report to  
33 the department and the owner. Within 30 days of receipt of the  
34 report, the department shall approve the onsite sewage treatment  
35 and disposal system for continued use or notify the owner of the  
36 requirement for a repair or modification permit.

37 3. Revenues from the fee in subparagraph 2 shall be  
38 deposited in the Ecosystem Management Trust Fund within the  
39 Department of Environmental Protection and shall be used to  
40 implement the grant program created pursuant to s. 369.407. The  
41 Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to use no



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42 more than 5 percent of the revenue to administer the grant  
43 program.