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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Burgess) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 40 - 158
and insert:

(3) ~~By July 1, 2022,~~ Each county is encouraged to establish an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties within the county's jurisdiction to identify and reduce extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a minimum, the program may do all of the following:



11 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or
12 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and
13 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the county. If
14 a county identifies a defective, damaged, or deteriorated
15 sanitary sewer lateral and initiates a program to eliminate
16 extraneous flow, the county:

17 1. Shall notify the property owner of the issue by
18 certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must
19 specify that within 14 days after receiving the notice, the
20 county intends to access the owner's property to address the
21 defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral. The
22 notice must identify the issue, inform the property owner that
23 he or she will be indemnified and held harmless in the repair
24 process, and provide a proposed timeline and plan for the
25 duration of the project, including start and completion dates.

26 2. Is responsible for any repair work done on the private
27 property. If any disruption of the property is necessary to
28 access the sanitary sewer lateral, the county shall ensure that
29 the property is restored to at least its pre-work conditions
30 after the repair is complete. Any repair work done to a sanitary
31 sewer lateral must meet all of the following requirements:

32 a. Provide one continuous monolithic pipe system. The
33 connections for the structure, mainline, and cleanout must be
34 installed and integrated into the continuous monolithic pipe
35 system by a Florida-licensed plumber; and

36 b. Be inspected using a lateral launch or similar CCTV
37 camera system conducted by a Pipeline Assessment Certification
38 Program (PACP) and Lateral Assessment and Certification Program
39 (LACP)-certified camera operator. The contractor must produce



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40 and provide the county with a PACP- and LACP-certified report
41 describing the conditions of the continuous monolithic pipe
42 system and the respective connections to the main sewer pipe and
43 the structure.

44 (b) Consider economical methods for the county ~~a property~~
45 ~~owner~~ to repair or replace a defective, damaged, or deteriorated
46 sanitary sewer lateral.

47 (c) Establish and maintain a publicly accessible database
48 to store information concerning properties where a defective,
49 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been
50 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is
51 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any
52 persons the county notified concerning the faulty sanitary sewer
53 lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

54 (d) Use state or local funds allocated for the purpose of
55 environmental preservation or the protection of water quality.

56 Section 2. Section 166.0481, Florida Statutes, is amended
57 to read:

58 166.0481 Municipal sanitary sewer lateral inspections
59 ~~inspection programs for municipalities.~~

60 (1) As used in this section, the term:

61 (a) "Sanitary sewer lateral" means a privately owned
62 pipeline connecting a property to the main sewer line which is
63 maintained and repaired by the property owner.

64 (b) "Continuous monolithic pipe system" means a pipe system
65 with no joints or seams anywhere, including all points where it
66 connects to the structure, the mainline, and the cleanout.

67 (2) A municipality may access any sanitary sewer lateral
68 within its jurisdiction to investigate, clean, repair,



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69 recondition, or replace the sanitary sewer lateral.

70 (3) ~~By July 1, 2022,~~ Each municipality is encouraged to
71 establish an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary
72 sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties within
73 the municipality's jurisdiction to identify and reduce
74 extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a
75 minimum, the program may do all of the following:

76 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or
77 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and
78 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the
79 municipality. If a municipality identifies such a defective,
80 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral and initiates a
81 program to eliminate extraneous flow, the municipality:

82 1. Shall notify the property owner of the issue by
83 certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must
84 specify that within 14 days after receiving the notice, the
85 municipality intends to access the owner's property to address
86 the defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral.
87 The notice must identify the issue, inform the property owner
88 that he or she will be indemnified and held harmless in the
89 repair process, and provide a proposed timeline and plan for the
90 duration of the project, including start and completion dates.

91 2. Is responsible for any repair work done on the private
92 property. If any disruption of the property is necessary to
93 access the sanitary sewer lateral, the municipality must ensure
94 that the property is restored to at least its pre-work
95 conditions after the repair is complete. Any repair work done to
96 a sanitary sewer lateral must meet all of the following
97 requirements:



98 a. Provide one continuous monolithic pipe system. The
99 connections for the structure, mainline, and cleanout must be
100 installed and integrated into the continuous monolithic pipe
101 system by a Florida-licensed plumber; and

102 b. Be inspected using a lateral launch or similar CCTV
103 camera system and conducted by a Pipeline Assessment
104 Certification Program (PACP) and Lateral Assessment and
105 Certification Program (LACP)-certified camera operator. The
106 contractor must produce and provide the county with a PACP- and
107 LACP-certified report stating the conditions of the continuous
108 monolithic pipe system and the respective connections to the
109 main sewer pipe and the structure.

110 (b) Consider economical methods for the municipality a
111 property owner to repair or replace a defective, damaged, or
112 deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral.

113 (c) Establish and maintain a publicly accessible database
114 to store information concerning properties where a defective,
115 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been
116 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is
117 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any
118 persons the municipality notified concerning the faulty sanitary
119 sewer lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

120 (d) Use state or local funds allocated for the purpose of
121 environmental preservation or the protection of water quality.

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123 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

124 And the title is amended as follows:

125 Delete lines 21 - 22

126 and insert:



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environmental preservation or the protection of water
quality; providing an effective date.