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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 92 - 156

and insert:

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a county may elect to establish and implement an alternative evaluation and rehabilitation program to identify and reduce extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals.

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



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11 166.0481 Municipal sanitary sewer lateral inspections
12 ~~inspection programs for municipalities.~~-

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

14 (a) "Continuous monolithic pipe system" means a pipe system
15 without any joints or seams, including all points where the pipe
16 connects to the structure, mainline, and cleanout.

17 (b) "Sanitary sewer lateral" means a privately owned
18 pipeline connecting a property to the main sewer line which is
19 maintained and repaired by the property owner.

20 (2) A municipality may access any sanitary sewer lateral
21 within its jurisdiction to investigate, clean, repair,
22 recondition, or replace the sanitary sewer lateral.

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

29 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or
30 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and
31 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the
32 municipality. If a municipality identifies a defective, damaged,
33 or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral and initiates a program
34 to eliminate extraneous flow, the municipality:

35 1. Must notify the property owner of the issue by certified
36 mail, return receipt requested. The notice must specify that
37 within 14 days after receiving the notice, the municipality
38 intends to access the owner's property to address the defective,
39 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral. The notice must



40 identify the issue, inform the property owner that he or she
41 will be indemnified and held harmless in the repair process, and
42 provide a proposed timeline and plan for the duration of the
43 project, including start and completion dates.

44 2. Is responsible for any repair work done on the private
45 property. If any disruption of the property is necessary to
46 access the sanitary sewer lateral, the municipality must ensure
47 that the property is restored to at least its pre-work condition
48 after the repair is complete. Any repair work done to a sanitary
49 sewer lateral must meet all of the following requirements:

50 a. Provide one continuous monolithic pipe system. The
51 connections for the structure, mainline, and cleanout must be
52 installed and integrated into the continuous monolithic pipe
53 system by a Florida-licensed plumber; and

54 b. Be inspected using a lateral launch or similar CCTV
55 camera system conducted by a Pipeline Assessment Certification
56 Program (PACP)- and Lateral Assessment and Certification Program
57 (LACP)-certified camera operator. The contractor must produce
58 and provide the county with a PACP- and LACP-certified report
59 describing the conditions in the continuous monolithic pipe
60 system and the respective connections to the main sewer pipe and
61 the structure.

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

65 (c) Establish and maintain a publicly accessible database
66 to store information concerning properties where a defective,
67 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been
68 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is



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69 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any
70 persons the municipality notified concerning the faulty sanitary
71 sewer lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

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

74 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a municipality may
75 elect to establish and implement an alternative evaluation and
76 rehabilitation program to identify and reduce extraneous flow
77 from leaking sanitary sewer laterals.

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

80 And the title is amended as follows:

81 Delete line 22

82 and insert:

83 protection of water quality; providing that counties
84 and municipalities may establish and implement
85 alternative evaluation and rehabilitation programs to
86 identify and reduce extraneous flow from leaking
87 sanitary sewer laterals; providing an effective