

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to sanitary sewer lateral inspection  
 3           programs; amending ss. 125.569 and 166.0481, F.S.;  
 4           providing definitions; authorizing counties and  
 5           municipalities to access sanitary sewer mainlines  
 6           within or outside its jurisdiction for specified  
 7           purposes; authorizing counties and municipalities to  
 8           access sanitary sewer laterals within their  
 9           jurisdictions for specified purposes; requiring  
 10          counties and municipalities to provide specified  
 11          notice to private property owners, issue certain  
 12          permits, and assume certain legal and financial  
 13          responsibility; providing requirements for sanitary  
 14          sewer lateral repairs; requiring counties and  
 15          municipalities to consider economical methods for  
 16          them, rather than property owners, to complete certain  
 17          work; authorizing counties and municipalities to use  
 18          certain state and local funds for specified purposes;  
 19          providing an effective date.

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

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 23           Section 1.   Section 125.569, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 24   to read:  
 25           125.569   County sanitary sewer lateral inspections

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

26 ~~inspection programs for counties.-~~

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

28 (a) "Continuous monolithic pipe system" means a pipe  
 29 system with no joints or seams, including all points where it  
 30 connects to the structure, the mainline, and the cleanout.

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

34 (c) "Sanitary sewer mainline" means the sanitary sewage  
 35 works excluding the sanitary building sewer and the Wastewater  
 36 Treatment Facility.

37 (2) A county may access any sanitary sewer mainline it  
 38 owns or maintains within or outside its jurisdiction to  
 39 investigate, clean, repair, recondition, or replace the sanitary  
 40 sewer mainline.

41 (3) A county may access any sanitary sewer lateral within  
 42 its jurisdiction to investigate, clean, repair, recondition, or  
 43 replace the sanitary sewer lateral.

44 ~~(4)(2)~~ ~~By July 1, 2022,~~ Each county is encouraged to  
 45 establish an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary  
 46 sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties within  
 47 the county's jurisdiction to identify and reduce extraneous flow  
 48 from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a minimum, the program  
 49 may do all of the following:

50 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or

51 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and  
52 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the county. If  
53 a county identifies a defective, damaged, or deteriorated  
54 sanitary sewer lateral and initiates a program to eliminate  
55 extraneous flow, the county:

56 1. Shall notify the property owner of the issue by  
57 certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must  
58 specify that within 14 days after receiving the notice, the  
59 county will access the owner's property to address the  
60 defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral. The  
61 notice must identify the issue, inform the property owner that  
62 the owner will be indemnified and held harmless in the repair  
63 process, and provide a proposed timeline and plan for the  
64 duration of the project, including start and completion dates.

65 2. Shall issue any permit required to address the  
66 defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral to be  
67 repaired under the program.

68 3. Is responsible for any repair work done on the private  
69 property. If any disruption of the property is necessary to  
70 access the sanitary sewer lateral, the county shall ensure that  
71 the property is restored to at least its pre-work condition  
72 after the repair is complete. Any repair work done to a sanitary  
73 sewer lateral must meet all of the following requirements:

74 a. Provide one continuous monolithic pipe system. The  
75 connections for the structure, mainline, and cleanout must be

76 installed and integrated into the continuous monolithic pipe  
 77 system by a plumber licensed by a municipality or county; and

78 b. Be inspected using a lateral launch or similar CCTV  
 79 camera system conducted by a Pipeline Assessment Certification  
 80 Program (PACP) and Lateral Assessment Certification Program  
 81 (LACP) certified camera operator. The contractor must produce  
 82 and provide the county with a PACP and LACP certified report  
 83 describing the conditions of the continuous monolithic pipe  
 84 system and the respective connections to the main sewer pipe and  
 85 the structure.

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

89 (c) Establish and maintain a publicly accessible database  
 90 to store information concerning properties where a defective,  
 91 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been  
 92 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is  
 93 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any  
 94 persons the county notified concerning the faulty sanitary sewer  
 95 lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

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

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

100 166.0481 Municipal sanitary sewer lateral inspections

101 ~~inspection programs for municipalities.-~~

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

103 (a) "Continuous monolithic pipe system" means a pipe  
 104 system with no joints or seams, including all points where it  
 105 connects to the structure, the mainline, and the cleanout.

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

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 110 works excluding the sanitary building sewer and the Wastewater  
 111 Treatment Facility.

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 113 it owns or maintains within or outside its jurisdiction to  
 114 investigate, clean, repair, recondition, or replace the sanitary  
 115 sewer mainline.

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 117 within its jurisdiction to investigate, clean, repair,  
 118 recondition, or replace the sanitary sewer lateral.

119 ~~(4)(2) By July 1, 2022,~~ Each municipality is encouraged to  
 120 establish an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary  
 121 sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties within  
 122 the municipality's jurisdiction to identify and reduce  
 123 extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a  
 124 minimum, the program may do all of the following:

125 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or

126 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and  
127 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the  
128 municipality. If a municipality identifies such a defective,  
129 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral and initiates a  
130 program to eliminate extraneous flow, the municipality:

131 1. Shall notify the property owner of the issue by  
132 certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must  
133 specify that within 14 days after receiving the notice, the  
134 municipality intends to access the owner's property to address  
135 the defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral.  
136 The notice must identify the issue, inform the property owner  
137 that the owner will be indemnified and held harmless in the  
138 repair process, and provide a proposed timeline and plan for the  
139 duration of the project, including start and completion dates.

140 2. Shall issue any permit required to address the  
141 defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral to be  
142 repaired under the program.

143 3. Is responsible for any repair work done on the private  
144 property. If any disruption of the property is necessary to  
145 access the sanitary sewer lateral, the municipality shall ensure  
146 that the property is restored to at least its pre-work  
147 conditions after the repair is complete. Any repair work done to  
148 a sanitary sewer lateral must meet all of the following  
149 requirements:

150 a. Provide one continuous monolithic pipe system. The

151 connections for the structure, mainline, and cleanout must be  
 152 installed and integrated into the continuous monolithic pipe  
 153 system by a plumber licensed by a municipality or county; and

154 b. Be inspected using a lateral launch or similar CCTV  
 155 camera system and conducted by a Pipeline Assessment  
 156 Certification Program (PACP) and Lateral Assessment and  
 157 Certification Program (LACP) certified camera operator. The  
 158 contractor must produce and provide the municipality with a PACP  
 159 and LACP certified report describing the conditions of the  
 160 continuous monolithic pipe system and the respective connections  
 161 to the main sewer pipe and the structure.

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 164 deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral.

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 166 to store information concerning properties where a defective,  
 167 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been  
 168 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is  
 169 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any  
 170 persons the municipality notified concerning the faulty sanitary  
 171 sewer lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

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

174 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.