

By Senator McClain

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to sanitary and stormwater system
3 standards; creating ss. 125.5695 and 166.04815, F.S.;
4 requiring that all sanitary and stormwater systems in
5 counties and municipalities, respectively, comply with
6 specified state Department of Transportation standards
7 for certain elements; providing inspection
8 requirements for such systems; specifying that certain
9 local standards are superseded; providing a finding of
10 an important state interest; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 125.5695, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 125.5695 Standards for sanitary and stormwater systems.-

18 (1) All sanitary and stormwater systems, including
19 laterals, sewer pipe, storm pipe, and manhole covers in counties
20 in this state, when installing new or repairing existing
21 laterals, sewer pipe, storm pipe, and manhole covers, must
22 follow the annual state Department of Transportation's Standard
23 Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction contained in the
24 sections "Pipe Culverts" and "Pipe Liner."

25 (2) All final inspections for all laterals, sewer pipe,
26 storm pipe, and manhole covers in counties must be performed by
27 a licensed engineer, general contractor, or third-party
28 inspection company that is not the current licensed operator for
29 the job being inspected.

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30 (3) The standards for installation and inspection in
31 subsections (1) and (2) supersede all existing and local
32 standards in counties.

33 Section 2. Section 166.04815, Florida Statutes, is created
34 to read:

35 166.04815 Standards for sanitary and stormwater systems.—

36 (1) All sanitary and stormwater systems, including
37 laterals, sewer pipe, storm pipe, and manhole covers in
38 municipalities in this state, when installing new or repairing
39 existing laterals, sewer pipe, storm pipe, and manhole covers,
40 must follow the annual state Department of Transportation's
41 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction
42 contained in the sections "Pipe Culverts" and "Pipe Liner."

43 (2) All final inspections for all laterals, sewer pipe,
44 storm pipe, and manhole covers in municipalities must be
45 performed by a licensed engineer, general contractor, or third-
46 party inspection company that is not the current licensed
47 operator for the job being inspected.

48 (3) The standards for installation and inspection in
49 subsections (1) and (2) supersede all existing and local
50 standards in municipalities.

51 Section 3. Pursuant to s. 18, Art. VII of the State
52 Constitution, the Legislature hereby determines and declares
53 that this act fulfills an important state interest.

54 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.