

By Senator Burgess

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to standards for storm water systems; creating ss. 125.5695 and 166.04815, F.S.; requiring storm water systems in counties and municipalities, respectively, to comply with specified Department of Transportation standards; providing inspection requirements for such systems; specifying that certain local standards are superseded; providing a declaration of an important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

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

125.5695 Standards for storm water systems.-

(1) All storm water systems, including storm pipe and storm structures in counties in this state, when installing new storm pipe and storm structures, must follow the annual Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction contained in the sections "Pipe Culverts" and "Pipe Liner."

(2) Final inspections for all storm pipe and storm structures in counties in this state must be performed by a NASSCO's Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP) certified technician who is employed by a third-party licensed engineering firm that does not have a controlling interest in the company that installed the storm system being inspected. The inspection and video process may use standard closed-circuit

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30 television inspection equipment, along with an optional camera
31 with a fisheye lens for video inspection purposes.

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

35 Section 2. Section 166.04815, Florida Statutes, is created
36 to read:

37 166.04815 Standards for storm water systems.—

38 (1) All storm water systems, including storm pipe and storm
39 structures in municipalities in this state, when installing new
40 storm pipe and storm structures, must follow the annual
41 Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road
42 and Bridge Construction contained in the sections "Pipe
43 Culverts" and "Pipe Liner."

44 (2) Final inspections for all storm pipe and storm
45 structures in municipalities in this state must be performed by
46 a NASSCO's Pipeline Assessment Certification Program (PACP)
47 certified technician who is employed by a third-party licensed
48 engineering firm that does not have a controlling interest in
49 the company that installed the storm system being inspected. The
50 inspection and video process may use standard closed-circuit
51 television inspection equipment, along with an optional camera
52 with a fisheye lens for video inspection purposes.

53 (3) The standards for installation and inspection in
54 subsections (1) and (2) supersede all existing and local
55 standards in municipalities.

56 Section 3. Pursuant to s. 18, Article VII of the State
57 Constitution, the Legislature hereby determines and declares
58 that this act fulfills an important state interest.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.