

**By** the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and  
Senators Burgess and Sharief

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to standards for stormwater systems; creating ss. 125.5695 and 166.04815, F.S.; requiring stormwater systems owned by 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standards; providing inspection requirements for such systems; specifying that certain local standards are superseded; providing a declaration of an important state interest; providing an effective date.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 stormwater systems.—

(1) All stormwater systems owned by 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," except for any requirement that the Department of Transportation review or approve installation plans, inspection videos, or inspection reports.

(2) Final inspections for all storm pipe and storm structures owned by 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 or any general contractor that does not have a

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30 controlling interest in the company that installed the storm  
31 system being inspected. The inspection and video process may use  
32 standard closed-circuit television inspection equipment, along  
33 with an optional camera with a fisheye lens for video inspection  
34 purposes.

35 (3) The standards for installation and inspection in  
36 subsections (1) and (2) supersede all existing and local  
37 standards in counties.

38 Section 2. Section 166.04815, Florida Statutes, is created  
39 to read:

40 166.04815 Standards for stormwater systems.—

41 (1) All stormwater systems owned by municipalities in this  
42 state, when installing new storm pipe and storm structures, must  
43 follow the annual Department of Transportation's Standard  
44 Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction contained in the  
45 sections "Pipe Culverts" and "Pipe Liner," except for any  
46 requirement that the Department of Transportation review or  
47 approve installation plans, inspection videos, or inspection  
48 reports.

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

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59        (3) The standards for installation and inspection in  
60 subsections (1) and (2) supersede all existing and local  
61 standards in municipalities.

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

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