

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that certain local standards are superseded; providing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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controlling interest in the company that installed the storm system being inspected. The inspection and video process may use standard closed-circuit television inspection equipment, along with an optional camera with a fisheye lens for video inspection purposes.

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

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

166.04815 Standards for stormwater systems.-

(1) All stormwater systems owned by municipalities 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 municipalities 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 controlling interest in the company that installed the storm system being inspected. The inspection and video process may use standard closed-circuit television inspection equipment, along with an optional camera with a 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.