

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 9 standards are superseded; providing a finding of an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

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

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

16 125.5695 Standards for sanitary and storm water systems.-

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

24 (2) All final inspections for all laterals, sewer pipe,
 25 storm pipe, and manhole covers in counties must be performed by

26 a licensed engineer, general contractor, or third party
27 inspection company that is not the current licensed operator for
28 the job being inspected.

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

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

34 166.04815 Standards for sanitary and storm water systems.-

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

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

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

50 **Section 3. Pursuant to s. 18, Art. VII of the State**

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51 Constitution, the Legislature hereby determines and declares
52 that this act fulfills an important state interest.

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