

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to sanitary sewer lateral inspection  
3           programs; amending ss. 125.569 and 166.0481, F.S.;  
4           defining the term "continuous monolithic pipe system";  
5           authorizing counties and municipalities, respectively,  
6           to access sanitary sewer laterals within their  
7           jurisdiction for specified purposes; requiring  
8           counties and municipalities to notify a private  
9           property owner that within a specified timeframe the  
10          county or municipality intends to access the owner's  
11          sanitary sewer lateral; providing that counties and  
12          municipalities that establish evaluation and  
13          rehabilitation programs are legally and financially  
14          responsible for all work done; providing requirements  
15          for repairs to a sanitary sewer lateral; requiring  
16          counties and municipalities that establish such  
17          programs to consider economical methods for the  
18          counties and municipalities, rather than the property  
19          owners, to complete such work; authorizing a program  
20          established by a county or a municipality to evaluate  
21          and rehabilitate sanitary sewer laterals on  
22          residential and commercial properties to use state or  
23          local funds allocated for environmental preservation  
24          or the protection of water quality; providing an  
25          effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 125.569, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.569 County sanitary sewer lateral inspections  
~~inspection programs for counties.~~—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Sanitary sewer lateral" means a privately owned pipeline connecting a property to the main sewer line which is maintained and repaired by the property owner.

(b) "Continuous monolithic pipe system" means a pipe system with no joints or seams, including all points where it connects to the structure, the mainline, and the cleanout.

(2) A county may access a sanitary sewer lateral within its jurisdiction to investigate, clean, repair, recondition, or replace the sanitary sewer lateral.

(3) ~~By July 1, 2022,~~ Each county is encouraged to establish an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties within the county's jurisdiction to identify and reduce extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a minimum, the program may do all of the following:

(a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and

51 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the county. If  
52 a county identifies a defective, damaged, or deteriorated  
53 sanitary sewer lateral and initiates a program to eliminate  
54 extraneous flow, the county:

55 1. Shall notify the property owner of the issue by  
56 certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must  
57 specify that within 14 days after receiving the notice, the  
58 county will access the owner's property to address the  
59 defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral. The  
60 notice must identify the issue, inform the property owner that  
61 the owner will be indemnified and held harmless in the repair  
62 process, and provide a proposed timeline and plan for the  
63 duration of the project, including start and completion dates.

64 2. Is responsible for any repair work done on the private  
65 property. If any disruption of the property is necessary to  
66 access the sanitary sewer lateral, the county shall ensure that  
67 the property is restored to at least its pre-work condition  
68 after the repair is complete. Any repair work done to a sanitary  
69 sewer lateral must meet all of the following requirements:

70 a. Provide one continuous monolithic pipe system. The  
71 connections for the structure, mainline, and cleanout must be  
72 installed and integrated into the continuous monolithic pipe  
73 system by a plumber licensed by a municipality or county; and

74 b. Be inspected using a lateral launch or similar CCTV  
75 camera system conducted by a Pipeline Assessment Certification

76 Program (PACP) and Lateral Assessment Certification Program  
 77 (LACP) certified camera operator. The contractor must produce  
 78 and provide the county with a PACP and LACP certified report  
 79 describing the conditions of the continuous monolithic pipe  
 80 system and the respective connections to the main sewer pipe and  
 81 the structure.

82 (b) Consider economical methods for the county ~~a property~~  
 83 ~~owner~~ to repair or replace a defective, damaged, or deteriorated  
 84 sanitary sewer lateral.

85 (c) Establish and maintain a publicly accessible database  
 86 to store information concerning properties where a defective,  
 87 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been  
 88 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is  
 89 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any  
 90 persons the county notified concerning the faulty sanitary sewer  
 91 lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

92 (d) Use state or local funds allocated for the purpose of  
 93 environmental preservation or the protection of water quality.

94 Section 2. Section 166.0481, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 95 to read:

96 166.0481 Municipal sanitary sewer lateral inspections  
 97 ~~inspection programs for municipalities.~~

98 (1) As used in this section, the term:

99 (a) "Sanitary sewer lateral" means a privately owned  
 100 pipeline connecting a property to the main sewer line which is

101 maintained and repaired by the property owner.

102 (b) "Continuous monolithic pipe system" means a pipe  
 103 system with no joints or seams, including all points where it  
 104 connects to the structure, the mainline, and the cleanout.

105 (2) A municipality may access a sanitary sewer lateral  
 106 within its jurisdiction to investigate, clean, repair,  
 107 recondition, or replace the sanitary sewer lateral.

108 (3) By July 1, 2022, Each municipality is encouraged to  
 109 establish an evaluation and rehabilitation program for sanitary  
 110 sewer laterals on residential and commercial properties within  
 111 the municipality's jurisdiction to identify and reduce  
 112 extraneous flow from leaking sanitary sewer laterals. At a  
 113 minimum, the program may do all of the following:

114 (a) Establish a system to identify defective, damaged, or  
 115 deteriorated sanitary sewer laterals on residential and  
 116 commercial properties within the jurisdiction of the  
 117 municipality. If a municipality identifies such a defective,  
 118 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral and initiates a  
 119 program to eliminate extraneous flow, the municipality:

120 1. Shall notify the property owner of the issue by  
 121 certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice must  
 122 specify that within 14 days after receiving the notice, the  
 123 municipality intends to access the owner's property to address  
 124 the defective, damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral.  
 125 The notice must identify the issue, inform the property owner

126 that the owner will be indemnified and held harmless in the  
 127 repair process, and provide a proposed timeline and plan for the  
 128 duration of the project, including start and completion dates.

129 2. Is responsible for any repair work done on the private  
 130 property. If any disruption of the property is necessary to  
 131 access the sanitary sewer lateral, the municipality shall ensure  
 132 that the property is restored to at least its pre-work  
 133 conditions after the repair is complete. Any repair work done to  
 134 a sanitary sewer lateral must meet all of the following  
 135 requirements:

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 137 connections for the structure, mainline, and cleanout must be  
 138 installed and integrated into the continuous monolithic pipe  
 139 system by a plumber licensed by a municipality or county; and

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 141 camera system and conducted by a Pipeline Assessment  
 142 Certification Program (PACP) and Lateral Assessment and  
 143 Certification Program (LACP) certified camera operator. The  
 144 contractor must produce and provide the municipality with a PACP  
 145 and LACP certified report describing the conditions of the  
 146 continuous monolithic pipe system and the respective connections  
 147 to the main sewer pipe and the structure.

148 (b) Consider economical methods for the municipality a  
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 150 deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral.

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153 damaged, or deteriorated sanitary sewer lateral has been  
154 identified. For each property, the database must include, but is  
155 not limited to, the address of the property, the names of any  
156 persons the municipality notified concerning the faulty sanitary  
157 sewer lateral, and the date and method of such notification.

158 (d) Use state or local funds allocated for the purpose of  
159 environmental preservation or the protection of water quality.

160 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.