

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3461

By: Russ of the House

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4 Allen of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to the Department of Environmental  
8 Quality; requiring the recommendation and adoption of  
9 certain rules; requiring certain studies and statutes  
10 be taken into account; granting certain exclusive  
jurisdiction; requiring adoption of certain emergency  
rules; providing for codification; and declaring an  
emergency.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-6-402.1 of Title 27A, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Department of Environmental Quality shall recommend and the  
18 Environmental Quality Board shall adopt rules reducing the minimum  
19 trench length of new conventional subsurface absorption fields for  
20 individual on-site sewage treatment systems to the full extent  
21 determined to be feasible without jeopardizing public health or the  
22 environment. The determination shall take into account relevant  
23 studies performed in 2018 and 2019 by accredited academic  
24 institutions within the state, as well as a review of corresponding

1 statutes or rules from adjacent states and any available instructive  
2 data resulting from implementation of the requirements in those  
3 states. The Department shall adopt emergency rules to implement the  
4 provisions of this section no later than October 1, 2020.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-6-402.2 of Title 27A, unless  
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 It shall be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Department of  
9 Environmental Quality to regulate, in accordance with rules adopted  
10 by the Environmental Quality Board, all solid pipe and fittings used  
11 in the conveyance of wastewater from the stub-out of a house or  
12 business or other structure to an on-site sewage treatment system  
13 serving the structure. The Department shall adopt emergency rules  
14 to implement the provisions of this section no later than October 1,  
15 2020.

16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2020.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
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5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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