

HOUSE BILL 495:

No Municipal Regulation of Off-Site Wastewater Systems.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: Date: January 24, 2020 Introduced by: Prepared by: Jeff Hudson

Analysis of: S.L. 2019-131 Legislative Analyst

OVERVIEW: S.L. 2019-131 prohibits municipalities from enacting ordinances or enforcing existing ordinances to prohibit or regulate the use of off-site wastewater systems or other systems approved by the Department of Public Health under rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health when the systems meets the conditions of the approval.

This act became effective July 19, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

Article 11 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes provides for the regulation of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems by the Department of Health and Human Services under rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health or a local board of health. A wastewater system is a system of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal in single or multiple components, including a ground absorption system, privy, septic tank system, public or community wastewater system, wastewater reuse or recycle system, mechanical or biological wastewater treatment system, any other similar system, and any chemical toilet used only for human waste.

BILL ANALYSIS:

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