OVERVIEW: Section 12.21 of S.L. 2021-180 amends the Dam Safety Law by expanding the exemption for small dams less than 20 feet in height or that have an impoundment capacity of less than 15 acre-feet, when a qualified engineer, who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department of Environmental Quality experience in dam design, conducts dam failure analyses based on both storm-induced failure and normal weather geologic, structural, or seismic failure scenarios and determines that the dam is not a high hazard dam.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.