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SENATE BILL 382: Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes, Sec. 1D.9: Right to Connect Temporary Housing to Wastewater Treatment System

Committee:		Date:	December 17, 2024
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Kyle Evans Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 1D.9 of S.L. 2024-57		

OVERVIEW: Section 1D.9 of S.L. 2024-57 requires local health departments to allow a homeowner in an affected area¹ to connect temporary housing to an existing subsurface wastewater treatment and dispersal system, provided that the homeowner signs an affidavit developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) authorizing the use of the wastewater system with temporary housing for up to 12 months or until permanent housing is established, whichever occurs first. The Department and its employees, agents, and contractors bear no liability to a homeowner who signs an affidavit related to the homeowner's decision to connect to an existing subsurface wastewater treatment and dispersal system.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on November 26, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on December 11, 2024. This section of the act became effective December 11, 2024 and expires June 1, 2025.

¹ An "affected area" is defined in S.L. 2024-57 as "[t]he counties designated before, on, or after the effective date of this act under a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States under the Stafford Act (P.L. 93-288) as a result of Hurricane Helene."

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