



SENATE BILL 582: North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, Sec. 16: Wastewater Amendments

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	November 30, 2023
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Chris Saunders Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	Sec. 16 of S.L. 2023-63		

OVERVIEW: *The 18E on-site wastewater rules suite became effective January 1, 2024. 15A NCAC 18E .0905 will require that prefabricated permeable block panel systems (PPBPS) trenches must be located the greater of either a minimum of eight feet on center or three times the trench width, and that when used in sand lined trench systems, PPBPS must use an equivalent trench width of three feet to calculate minimum trench length. PPBPS can only be used in domestic strength wastewater systems.*

Section 16 of S.L. 2023-63 directs the Commission for Public Health (Commission) to implement 15A NCAC 18E .0905 as follows, and readopt its rule consistent with that implementation:

- *PPBPS trenches can be located a minimum of eight feet on center or three times the trench width.*
- *When used in a sand lined trench, PPBPS must use an equivalent trench width of six feet.*

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 23, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2023.

This section became effective June 27, 2023.

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