



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 376: Water/Wastewater Affordability & Capacity Act, Sec. 5: Commercial Wastewater Design Flow Rate Study

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-32, Sec. 5

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Section 5 of S.L. 2026-32 (House Bill 376) directs the Environmental Management Commission (EMC), to study whether wastewater design flow rates applicable to commercial and industrial water users accurately measure the actual flow rate used by those water users. In conducting the study, the EMC must consider reductions in water consumption associated with new plumbing fixtures, fittings, and appliances; actual metered water use and wastewater flows from commercial and industrial water users; and wastewater design flow rates used by other states for comparable water users.

The EMC must report its findings to the Environmental Review Commission no later than January 1, 2027.

This section became effective July 2, 2026.

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