



SENATE BILL 445: Regulatory Reform Act of 2026, Sec. 39: On-Site Wastewater Products for Stormwater

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Section 39 of S.L. 2026-59 (Senate Bill 445) directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to approve for use as a new stormwater technology any prefabricated permeable block panel system approved by the Commission for Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the State. In developing Minimum Design Criteria (MDC) for this technology, DEQ shall ensure that the MDC follows the manufacturer's installation and service requirements as closely as possible while still complying with federal requirements. A system approved pursuant to this authorization may be used by a professional engineer in certain traffic areas, provided the system meets certain structural loading requirements.

This section became effective August 11, 2026.

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