

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3461

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8 An Act relating to the Department of Environmental
9 Quality; requiring the recommendation and adoption of
10 certain rules; requiring certain studies and statutes
11 be taken into account; granting certain exclusive
jurisdiction; requiring adoption of certain emergency
rules; providing for codification; and declaring an
emergency.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-6-402.1 of Title 27A, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The Department of Environmental Quality shall recommend and the
19 Environmental Quality Board shall adopt rules reducing the minimum
20 trench length of new conventional subsurface absorption fields for
21 individual on-site sewage treatment systems to the full extent
22 determined to be feasible without jeopardizing public health or the
23 environment. The determination shall take into account relevant
24 studies performed in 2018 and 2019 by accredited academic

1 institutions within the state, as well as a review of corresponding
2 statutes or rules from adjacent states and any available instructive
3 data resulting from implementation of the requirements in those
4 states. The Department shall adopt emergency rules to implement the
5 provisions of this section no later than October 1, 2020.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-6-402.2 of Title 27A, unless
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 It shall be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Department of
10 Environmental Quality to regulate, in accordance with rules adopted
11 by the Environmental Quality Board, all solid pipe and fittings used
12 in the conveyance of wastewater from the stub-out of a house or
13 business or other structure to an on-site sewage treatment system
14 serving the structure. The Department shall adopt emergency rules
15 to implement the provisions of this section no later than October 1,
16 2020.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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