

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3461

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

The Department of Environmental Quality shall recommend and the Environmental Quality Board shall adopt rules reducing the minimum trench length of new conventional subsurface absorption fields for individual onsite sewage treatment systems to the full extent determined to be feasible without jeopardizing public health or the environment. The determination shall take into account relevant studies performed in 2018 and 2019 by accredited academic institutions within the state, as well as a review of corresponding statutes or rules from adjacent states and any available instructive

1 data resulting from implementation of the requirements in those
2 states.

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

6 It shall be the exclusive jurisdiction of the Department of
7 Environmental Quality to regulate, in accordance with rules adopted
8 by the Environmental Quality Board, all solid pipe and fittings used
9 in the conveyance of wastewater from the stub-out of a house or
10 business or other structure to an onsite sewage treatment system
11 serving the structure.

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

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