Act No. 151 (S.211). Conservation and development; wastewater; holding tanks

An act relating to permitting of sewage holding and pumpout tanks for public buildings

This act expands the availability of sewage holding and pumpout tanks so that a building that is not publicly owned may use a holding tank if it is owned by a charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization, provided that the tank will not result in a public health hazard or environmental damage, there is no economically feasible alternative, and design flows do not exceed 600 gallons per day. Before construction, the applicant must post a bond or financial surety sufficient to finance the tank's maintenance for 20 years. Once issued, the permit will run with the land, but subsequent owners must continue to meet the requirements of the permit.

The act also directs the Agency of Natural Resources to submit to the General Assembly a report on ways in which the municipal delegation program for water connection permitting could be improved.

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