

SECTION 3.(d) Additional Rulemaking Authority. – The Commission shall adopt a rule to amend the Septage Land Application Site and Septage Detention and Treatment Facility Renewal Rule consistent with subsection (c) of this section. Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-19(4), the rule adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section shall be substantively identical to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1), as though 10 or more written objections had been received as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b2).

SECTION 3.(e) Applicability and Sunset. – This section and rules adopted pursuant to this section apply to all septage land application site and septage detention and treatment facility permit renewals issued on or after July 1, 2021. This section expires when permanent rules adopted as required by subsection (d) of this section become effective.

SECTION 4.(a) The Department of Environmental Quality shall not offer renewal education online for septage management firm operators or septage land application operators unless needed on a case-by-case basis in coordination with the septage industry associations.

SECTION 4.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2021, or upon the date an executive order rescinding Section 5 of Executive Order No. 209 (2021), Removing the Outdoor Face Covering Requirement, Relaxing Restrictions on Gatherings, and Extending the Capacity and Social Distancing Measures of EO 204, becomes effective, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 2021.

s/ Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Destin Hall
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 12:34 p.m. this 8th day of July, 2021

