



# Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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## Summary Senate Bill 205, P.N. 641

**Prime Sponsor: Senator Pippy**

### Introduction:

Amends Act 58 of 1949, which authorizes municipalities to create special sewage disposal system funds.

- Authorizes municipalities and municipal authorities to use public funds for the improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines connected to public sewer lines when:
  - Such activities will benefit public health through prevention of overflows and sewage backups onto private property
  - An order exists from a public health or environmental agency having jurisdiction to reduce infiltration and inflow
  - Private laterals have been identified through engineering studies as significant contributors to wet weather overflow problems and sewer system capacity and are determined to be cost-effective components of the solution
- Municipalities and municipal authorities shall be automatically granted temporary easements for the length of the private lateral being rehabilitated, not to exceed five feet on either side of the lateral.
- No municipality or municipal authority shall be deemed the owner of the private lateral sewer lines, or to have any further responsibility for its operation and maintenance unless making an affirmative determination to do so
- Updates and adds definitions to the Act

### Effective date:

This act takes effect in 60 days.