



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1019**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3187**

**By Bell**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3076

By Ryan Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to designated municipal separate storm sewer systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-103, is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions, so that the subdivisions remain in alphabetical order:

( ) "Municipal separate storm sewer system" means a municipal separate storm sewer system as defined in the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq.) and the rules promulgated thereunder; and

( ) "Qualified local program" means a municipal separate storm sewer system that has been approved as such by the department pursuant to this part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

69-3-148.

(a) The department may establish a program under which municipal separate storm sewer systems may become qualified local programs allowing for the streamlining of permits for construction activity as provided in this section.

(b) The department may review and approve applications from municipal separate storm sewer systems to become qualified local programs. The requirements for being a qualified local program shall be those required by federal regulation together with a system acceptable to the department for sharing information as to the construction sites authorized by the qualified local program.

(c) The department may incorporate by reference the requirements of a qualified local program for construction activity in its general permit.

(d) An operator of a construction site located within the jurisdiction of a qualified local program under subsection (b) who has obtained a notice of coverage from such program shall be authorized under the department's general permit for storm water associated with construction activity for that site and shall not have to submit any of the following to the department:

(1) Notice of intent to seek coverage under a storm water construction permit;

(2) Storm water pollution prevention plan;

(3) Storm water construction permit fee; or

(4) Notice of termination.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 26, 2012



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012



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