

ASSEMBLY, No. 2396

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen GIBSON and ASSELTA

1 AN ACT concerning septic system standards and supplementing Title
2 58 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 "Disposal field" means a disposal bed or group of one or more
9 disposal trenches, the perimeter of which corresponds to the perimeter
10 of the disposal bed or which circumscribes the outermost edges of the
11 outermost disposal trenches and includes the area between the disposal
12 trenches;

13 "Level of infiltration" means the elevation of the horizontal
14 interface or contact between filter material and soil or fill material;

15 "Mounded soil replacement disposal field" means a disposal field
16 which is installed by excavating below the existing ground surface and
17 installing fill material which is mounded up above the existing ground
18 surface;

19 "Soil replacement fill enclosed disposal field" means a disposal field
20 which is installed by excavating below the level of infiltration to
21 extend laterally at least two feet beyond the perimeter of the disposal
22 field on all sides, and backfilling with suitable fill, and installing the
23 disposal bed or trenches within the fill.

24 b. For an individual septic system, the level of infiltration for soil
25 replacement fill enclosed disposal field installations may be from the
26 existing ground surface to three feet below the existing ground
27 surface. For an individual septic system, the level of infiltration for
28 mounded soil replacement disposal field installations may be from
29 three feet below the existing ground surface to four feet above the
30 existing ground surface.

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32 2. This act shall take effect 90 days from enactment.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill would authorize that for individual septic systems the level
37 of infiltration for a disposal field be placed from the existing ground

1 surface to three feet below the existing ground surface for soil
2 replacement fill enclosed disposal fields and from three feet below the
3 existing ground surface to four feet above the existing ground surface
4 for mounded soil replacement disposal field installations. Current
5 Department of Environmental Protection regulations do not allow that
6 the level of infiltration be installed in the zone from one foot above
7 existing ground level to one foot below existing ground level for the
8 above types of disposal fields. However, for two types of disposal
9 fields described above, there is no technical reason to prevent the level
10 of infiltration from being so installed.

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15 Concerns level of infiltration for individual septic system disposal
16 fields.