

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 59.1 a chapter numbered 24.2, consisting of*
3 *sections numbered 59.1-310.7 through 59.1-310.10, relating to septic system inspectors; penalty.*

4 [H 2061]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 59.1 a chapter numbered 24.2,**
8 **consisting of sections numbered 59.1-310.7 through 59.1-310.10, as follows:**

9 CHAPTER 24.2.

10 SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTORS.

11 § 59.1-310.7. Definitions.

12 *As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:*13 *"Accredited septic system inspector" means a person who possesses the qualifications required by the*
14 *provisions of this chapter.*15 *"Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other entity.*16 *"Septic system" means an onsite method of disposing of sewage when sewers or sewerage facilities*
17 *are not available and includes septic tanks, septic tank lines and drainage fields or other onsite,*
18 *residential sewage systems.*

19 § 59.1-310.8. Exceptions.

20 *This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit:*21 *1. The work of an employee or a subordinate of an accredited septic system inspector;*22 *2. The practice of any profession or occupation that is regulated by a regulatory board within the*
23 *Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or other state agency; or*24 *3. The work of employees of the Department of Health in carrying out their regulatory duties under*
25 *Chapter 6 (§ 32.1-163 et seq.) of Title 32.1.*

26 § 59.1-310.9. Requirements for accredited septic system inspectors.

27 *In order to use the title of "accredited septic system inspector" in connection with any real estate*
28 *transaction, including refinancings, an applicant shall be accredited by the National Sanitation*
29 *Foundation or an equivalent national accrediting organization, which accreditation shall include the*
30 *passage of both a written and practical examination on the principles and practice of septic system*
31 *inspections. In addition, the applicant shall satisfy the following requirements:*32 *1. Hold a high school diploma or equivalent; and*33 *2. Have evidence of at least one year of active field experience conducting onsite septic systems*
34 *inspections or completion of a nationally approved training course.*

35 § 59.1-310.10. Penalty for violation.

36 *No person shall use the title "accredited septic system inspector" unless he meets the requirements of*
37 *this chapter. Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3*
38 *misdemeanor.*39 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2002.**

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