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SENATE DRS55114-LR-64 (03/21)

Short Title: Occupational Safety-Work in Manholes. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Rand.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT RELATING TO THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY OF WORK IN  
MANHOLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 16 of Chapter 95 of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding a new section to read:

**"§ 95-156. Work in manholes.**

(a) While work is being performed in a manhole, an employee shall be made  
available in the immediate vicinity to render emergency assistance as may be required.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section precludes:

(1) The employee in the immediate vicinity from entering a manhole to  
provide assistance, other than emergency; or

(2) A qualified employee, working alone, from entering for brief periods  
of time a manhole where cables or equipment are in service, for the  
purpose of inspection, housekeeping, taking readings, or other work if  
the work can be performed safely."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.