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SENATE BILL 605

Short Title: Occupational Safety-Work in Manholes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; and Gulley.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 31, 2003

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT RELATING TO THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY OF WORK IN
3 MANHOLES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 95-156. Work in manholes.**

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

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

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

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

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