

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 880

Short Title: Qualified Environmental Professional.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wood.

Referred to: Health and Environment.

April 12, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS TO PERFORM
2 CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND SIGN CERTAIN
3 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS THAT CURRENTLY ARE PERFORMED AND
4 SIGNED BY LICENSED ENGINEERS OR LICENSED GEOLOGISTS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 143B-282 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(c) Rules adopted by the Environmental Management Commission under
9 subsection (a) of this section:

10 (1) For air quality standards, emission control standards, and classifications
11 for air contaminant sources pursuant to G.S. 143-215.107;

12 (2) For water quality standards and classifications pursuant to G.S. 143-
13 214.1 and G.S. 143-215;

14 (3) To implement water and air quality reporting pursuant to G.S. 143-
15 215.68; and

16 (4) Governing underground tanks used for the storage of hazardous
17 substances or oil pursuant to Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General
18 Statutes

19 shall provide that services that must be performed by a licensed geologist or a licensed
20 engineer and reports that must be signed by a licensed geologist or a licensed engineer

1 also may be performed or signed by a certified, registered, or licensed environmental
2 professional. The Environmental Management Commission shall determine which
3 certifications, registrations, and licenses it recognizes as possessing the necessary
4 competency to perform these services and complete these reports based on the
5 certification, registration, or licensing entity's eligibility standards regarding an
6 individual's science education or work experience as an environmental professional, or
7 both, and the individual's passing a qualifying examination."

8 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to any environmental
9 services or any environmental reports subject to Section 1 of this act that are performed
10 or signed on or after that date.