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HOUSE BILL 280

Short Title: Public Staff/Duty to Represent the Public. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cleveland (Primary Sponsor).

*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

Referred to: State Personnel.

March 13, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PUBLIC STAFF SHALL IN ALL OF ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROVIDED FOR BY LAW ACT ON BEHALF OF THE USING AND CONSUMING PUBLIC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 62-15 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 62-15. Office of executive director; public staff, structure and function.**

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(b) There is established in the Commission a public staff. The public staff shall consist of the executive director and such other professional, administrative, technical, and clerical personnel as may be necessary in order for the public staff to represent the using and consuming public, as hereinafter provided. The public staff shall, in all of its duties and responsibilities provided for in this Chapter, act on behalf of the using and consuming public and shall not act on behalf of any other person, group, or entity. The public staff shall not give any advice, guidance, or opinion in any proceeding or other matter before the Commission that is not in the interest of the using and consuming public. All such personnel authorized under this subsection shall be appointed, supervised, and directed by the executive director. The public staff shall not be subject to the supervision, direction, or control of the Commission, the chairman, or members of the Commission.

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

