

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH30254-RT-21 (04/01)

Short Title: Consolidate Environmental Reg. Commissions.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
3 COMMISSION AND REPLACE IT WITH A NEW, FULL-TIME
4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MODELED ON THE
5 UTILITIES COMMISSION; TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, COMMUNICATION,
6 AND COORDINATION WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE
7 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND
8 NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY AND TO REDUCE COSTS BY
9 ELIMINATING THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND CONSOLIDATING
10 THEIR POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS IN THE NEW
11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: (1) THE COASTAL
12 RESOURCES COMMISSION, (2) THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL
13 MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, (3) THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION,
14 (4) THE MINING COMMISSION, (5) THE RADIATION PROTECTION
15 COMMISSION, (6) THE SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION, (7)
16 THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, (8) THE WATER
17 POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATORS CERTIFICATION
18 COMMISSION, (9) THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS
19 BOARD OF CERTIFICATION, AND (10) THE WELL CONTRACTORS
20 CERTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO TRANSFER RULE-MAKING
21 RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF CHAPTER 130A
22 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FROM THE COMMISSION FOR HEALTH
23 SERVICES TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
24 COMMISSION: ARTICLE 9 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT), ARTICLE 10
25 (DRINKING WATER ACT), AND ARTICLE 11 (WASTEWATER SYSTEMS);
26 AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY AND BUDGET CHANGES.

27 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 **SECTION 1.** Chapters 74, 87, 90A, 104E, 113, 113A, 130A, 139, 143, and
2 143B of the General Statutes are amended.

3 **SECTION 2.** The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to
4 read:

5 **"Chapter 169.**

6 **"Environmental Protection and Conservation of Natural Resources."**

7 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective 1 July 2003.