

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2005-440
HOUSE BILL 1281**

AN ACT TO GRANT CERTAIN COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO DEFINE
NOXIOUS AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SERVICE DISTRICTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) The board of commissioners of a county that adjoins or contains a lake, river, or tributary of a river or lake that has an identified noxious aquatic weed problem may define any number of noxious aquatic weed control service districts composed of property that is contiguous to the water or that provides direct access to the water through a shared, certified access site to the water. As used in this subsection, the term "noxious aquatic weed" is any plant organism identified by the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources under G.S. 113A-222 or regulated as a plant pest by the Commissioner of Agriculture under Article 36 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of August, 2005.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 3:08 p.m. this 27th day of September, 2005