AN ACT TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT CONNECTIONS TO WATER SUPPLY LINES FUNDED BY THE CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL GAS CRITICAL NEEDS BOND ACT OF 1998.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of S.L. 2011-412 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 5. Notwithstanding Section 5.1(b) of S.L. 1998-132, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall grant a waiver to allow additional connections to a bond-funded waterline within an area designated as WS-I or the critical area of any area that has been designated as WS-II, WS-III, or WS-IV by the Environmental Management Commission pursuant to G.S. 143-214.5, provided the design capacity and size of the existing bond-funded waterline can accommodate the additional connections and the purpose of the additional connection is for either of the following reasons:

1. To address an existing threat to public health or water quality.
2. To provide water to a habitable structure located on a lot zoned for residential use or mixed-use development. There is no requirement that the habitable structure existed on the lot at the time of the construction of the bond-funded waterline."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to requests for waivers to allow additional water lines submitted on or before that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of June, 2021.

s/ Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Destin Hall
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 3:39 p.m. this 16th day of June, 2021