

April 26, 2001

H 1381. LOCAL WATER QUALITY PLANS. TO REQUIRE CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UPSTREAM OF THE COASTAL AREA TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS, TO INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS AS A PURPOSE FOR WHICH CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUNDS GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT. Enacts Art. 18 of GS Ch. 113A as title indicates. Establishes a cooperative state-local program for water quality management in eight coastal river basins. Creates a 15-member Clean Water Comm'n, with the Governor, Speaker of the House and President Pro Tem. of the Senate each having five appointments. Requires each local government with jurisdiction of land within a watershed that drains into the coastal area to develop and adopt a local water quality management plan that meets or exceeds minimum standards set by the Comm'n. Local plans must include an implementation and enforcement program. Comm'n is to adopt rules for the development and implementation of the local plans, to review and approve each local plan, and to assume responsibility for water quality management planning if a local government fails to adopt or adequately administer and enforce its plan. Provides for civil penalties for violation of act's requirements. Directs state agencies to comply with plans. Directs Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources to identify the river basins, assist local governments in developing plans, and make available model plans. Appropriates \$100,000 for 2001-2002 from General Fund to Dep't of Environment & Natural Resources. Effective July 1, 2001.

Intro. by Culpepper.

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