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**H 1703. TRANSFER PORTS RAILWAY TO STATE PORTS. TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF RAIL OPERATIONS AT THE STATE PORTS BY REPEALING THE STATUTES ESTABLISHING THE NORTH CAROLINA PORTS RAILWAY COMMISSION AND TRANSFERRING ITS ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO THE STATE PORTS AUTHORITY.**

Repeals GS 143B-469 through GS 143B-469.3, which establish the NC Ports Railway Comm'n, effective 60 days after act becomes law. Provides for transfer of Comm'n's assets and liabilities to NC State Ports Authority. Amends GS 120-123(25) (service by members of General Assembly on boards and commissions) accordingly. Amends GS 143B-454(a)(4) to authorize State Ports Authority to acquire, construct, and maintain (but not operate) such rail facilities as necessary or useful in connection with operation of the state ports.

**Intro. by McComas, Smith.**

Ref. to Rules	GS 120,143B
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