

April 5, 2001

S 1033. ANIMAL WASTE MORATORIA AND STUDY. TO EXTEND THE MORATORIA ON THE CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION OF SWINE FARMS, TO STUDY FUNDING OPTIONS TO IMPROVE ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS , AND TO PLAN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARKETS FOR BY-PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL WASTE MANagements SYSTEMS. Amends subsection (a1) of SL 1997-458, as amended by sec. 2 of SL 1998-188 and sec. 2.1 of SL 1999-329, to extend the expiration date of the moratorium on Environmental Management Comm'n permits for new or expanded swine farms from July 1, 2001, to September 1, 2003. Makes conforming changes in other sections of these session laws. Directs the Legislative Research Comm'n to study ways to fund improvements in animal waste management systems, considering the following matters: (1) how to fund systems with less severe environmental impacts; (2) how to fund the closure of inactive waste lagoons that pose public health threats; (3) how to fund remediation of groundwater contamination, including providing alternative water supplies for contaminated wells; and (4) how to fund the remediation of other environmental damage related to animal operations. Directs the Dep't of Commerce, in consultation with the Dep't of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources, the Dep't of Transportation, and the N.C. Utilities Comm'n to develop a plan for developing markets for by-products of animal waste management systems. Directs Dep't of Commerce to report on the plan to the General Assembly and the Environmental Review Comm'n by May 1, 2002.

Intro. by Albertson.

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October 1, 2001

S 1033. STUDY APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTORS. Intro. 4/5/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces original bill with *AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTORS*. As title indicates. Requires examination of the relationships among local health directors, local boards of health, and boards of county commissioners in the appointment and evaluation of local health directors. Requires a study of the benefits of expanding to the boards of county commissioners of all counties the powers given to some counties by GS 153A-77 (permitting creation of consolidated human services board and agency). Requires report to 2002 Regular Session.