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HOUSE BILL 1615*

Short Title: Environmental Reports Amendments. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING
3 REQUIREMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL
4 REVIEW COMMISSION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 4 of Chapter 113A of the General Statutes is amended
7 by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 113A-67. Annual report.**

9 The Department shall report to the Environmental Review Commission on the
10 implementation of this Article on or before 1 October of each year. The Department
11 shall include in the report an analysis of how well the implementation of the
12 Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 is preventing the sedimentation of streams,
13 rivers, lakes, and other waters of the State. The report shall also include a review of the
14 effectiveness of local erosion and sedimentation control programs."

15 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 113A-235(c) reads as rewritten:

16 "(c) Report. – The Department shall report on the implementation of this Article
17 to the Environmental Review Commission no later than 1 ~~November~~ October of each
18 year. The Department shall maintain an inventory of all conservation easements held by
19 the Department. The inventory shall be included in the report required by this
20 subsection."

21 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 113A-241(c) reads as rewritten:

22 "(c) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall report to the
23 Governor and the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1 ~~September~~
24 October of each year on the State's progress towards attaining the goal established in
25 this section."

26 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 143-215.107C(b) reads as rewritten:

27 "(b) It shall be the goal of the State that on and after 1 January 2004 at least
28 seventy-five percent (75%) of the new or replacement light duty cars and trucks
29 purchased by the State will be alternative-fueled vehicles or low emission vehicles. The

1 Department of Administration, the Department of Transportation, and the Department
2 of Environment and Natural Resources shall jointly develop a plan to achieve this goal
3 and to fuel and maintain these vehicles. ~~The Department of Administration shall report~~
4 ~~on progress in developing and implementing this plan and achieving this goal to the~~
5 ~~Environmental Review Commission on 1 September of each year beginning 1~~
6 ~~September 2000.~~ For purposes of this section, a light duty car or truck is one that is
7 rated at 8,500 pounds or less Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)."

8 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 143-355.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to
9 read:

10 "(g) The Council shall report on the implementation of this section to the
11 Secretary, the Governor, and the Environmental Review Commission no later than 1
12 October of each year. The report shall include a review of drought advisories issued by
13 the Council and any recommendations to improve coordination among local, State, and
14 federal agencies; public water systems; and water users to improve the management and
15 mitigation of the harmful effects of drought."

16 **SECTION 6.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
17 submit the first report required by G.S. 113A-67, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, to
18 the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1 October 2005. The Drought
19 Management Advisory Council shall submit the first report required by G.S. 143-355.1,
20 as enacted by Section 5 of this act, to the Secretary of Environment and Natural
21 Resources, the Governor, and the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1
22 October 2005.

23 **SECTION 7.** This act is effective when it becomes law.