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S 1006. LOW-EMISSION VEHICLES/FUNDS. *TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA LOW-EMISSION VEHICLES PROGRAM*. Amends GS 143-215.111 to authorize NC Environmental Management Comm'n to adopt rules to implement low-emission vehicle program that is functionally equivalent to California program. Rules to apply to new light-duty cars (defined in bill) and light-duty trucks (defined in bill) of the 2007 model year and to all motor vehicles of 2008 model year and each year thereafter. Amends GS 143-58.4 and 136-28.13 to require vehicles purchased by State agency, community college, local school administrative unit, or local government to comply with new rules. Amends GS 20-54.2 to require Division of Motor Vehicles to refuse to issue a certificate of title or registration of a motor vehicle subject to low-emission rules that does not meet those rules. Allows Governor to exempt certain motor vehicles from rules. Appropriates $10,000 in fiscal 2005-06 from General Fund to Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources to implement adoption of rules and $10,000 from General Fund to Dep't of Transportation for fiscal 2005-06 to implement requirement of State agencies to review and revise bid procedures to comply with low-emission requirements. Effective July 1, 2005, except provisions regarding title and registration of low-emission vehicles effective January 1, 2007.
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