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HOUSE DRH60299-LT-138B (04/10)

Short Title: Ventilation of Public Toilets.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Pierce.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE TOILETS IN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS TO
3 BE WELL-VENTILATED.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 9 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 143-143.6. Ventilation of toilets in public facilities.**

8 Notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, in order to protect the public
9 health, all public buildings and facilities shall be constructed so that public use toilets
10 are either naturally ventilated or are mechanically ventilated. If the public use toilets are
11 mechanically ventilated, (i) the air exchange rate shall have a minimum of 15 air
12 changes per hour, (ii) service access ducts, if fully enclosed, shall be connected to the
13 mechanical ventilation system, and (iii) suitable fresh air inlet grilles shall be installed
14 to ensure an air exchange rate of five air changes per hour. The exhaust system shall
15 dispel the air directly outdoors without causing any nuisance to neighboring premises."

16 **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Building Code Council shall amend the
17 State Building Code to implement this act.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to all
19 new construction of public buildings or facilities for which permits for construction are
20 issued on or after that date.