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HOUSE BILL 1894

Short Title: Study Commission on Greenhouse Regulations. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tillis, Hill, Gibson (Primary Sponsors); Blackwood, Brubaker, Cotham, Gillespie, Gulley, Hilton, Johnson, Killian, Lewis, Love, McGee, Saunders, Starnes, and Steen.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 30, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMISSION ON GREENHOUSE
2 REGULATIONS.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is created the Study Commission on Greenhouse
6 Regulations. The Commission shall consist of seven members appointed as follows:

- 7 (1) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives.
9 (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore
10 of the Senate.
11 (3) A representative of the greenhouse industry appointed by the Speaker
12 of the House of Representatives.
13 (4) A representative of the greenhouse industry appointed by the President
14 Pro Tempore of the Senate.
15 (5) The Commissioner of Insurance or the Commissioner's designee, ex
16 officio.

17 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore
18 of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission. The appointing authority
19 shall fill vacancies. The Commission shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.

20 **SECTION 2.** The Commission shall study the building code regulations
21 applicable to greenhouses and shall consider whether greenhouses should be exempt
22 from State and local building codes. In particular, the Commission shall review the
23 manufacturing guidelines set forth in the National Greenhouse Manufacturers
24 Association Structural Design manual and determine whether greenhouses that are built
25 in accordance with the National Greenhouse Manufacturers Association Structural
26 Design manual and that are not used for retail sales should be exempt from building
27 code regulations. In conducting the study, the Commission shall review the laws that

1 govern the manufacture or construction, the design, and the inspection of greenhouses in
2 other states.

3 **SECTION 3.** The Commission may contract for consultant services as
4 provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission,
5 the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in
6 the work of the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission
7 through the offices of the House of Representatives' and the Senate's Directors of
8 Legislative Assistants. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the
9 Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.
10 Members of the Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances
11 at the rate established in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6, as
12 appropriate. The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise
13 all the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through
14 G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and
15 departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within their
16 possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them, and the
17 power to subpoena witnesses.

18 **SECTION 4.** The Commission may report its findings, conclusions, and
19 recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the General Assembly by the
20 convening of the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly. The
21 Commission shall expire on that date, or upon filing its final report, whichever occurs
22 earlier.

23 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated to the General Assembly, the
24 Legislative Services Commission shall allocate funds for the expenses of the
25 Commission established by this act.

26 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.