

March 26, 2009

S 968. MOUNTAIN RESOURCES PLANNING. Filed 3/25/09. *TO SUPPORT PLANNING FOR MOUNTAIN RESOURCES.*

Enacts new Chapter 153B of the General Statutes to create a Mountain Resources Commission to identify issues affecting natural and cultural resources of 27-county mountain region of western NC, coordinate local and regional preservation efforts and otherwise provide guidance and encouragement for quality growth to protect resources. Also establishes a Mountain Resources Fund and empowers the Commission to allocate moneys from fund to support local and regional programs for resource protection. Does not specify source of revenue for Mountain Resources Fund, however. Commission to consist of 17 members with designated slots appointed by Speaker, President Pro Tem, Governor, regional councils of government, and by Blue Ridge National Heritage Area and by NC National Parks, Parkway and Forest Development Council. Members to serve four-year terms. Specifies that Commission has only advisory authority; does not have regulatory authority. Commission to be located within Department of Environment and Natural Resources but to act independently of the department.

Also creates Mountain Resources Technical Advisory Council of up to 13 members, to advise Commission, with members appointed by the Commission, to include environmental, engineering, planning and other governmental professionals.

Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Queen.

GS 153B

April 30, 2009

S 968. MOUNTAIN RESOURCES PLANNING. Filed 3/25/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends proposed GS 153B-4 to provide that all members of the Mountain Resources Commission do not receive a salary and are to receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances according to GS 120-3.1, GS 138-5, or GS 138-6 as appropriate (was, members appointed from or residing in that state do not receive a salary but may be paid per diem, subsistence, and travel expenses, with members who are officials or employees of the state or local government agencies receiving the rate established in GS 138-6 and all other members receiving the rate established in GS 138-5). Makes technical changes.

August 5, 2009

S 968. MOUNTAIN RESOURCES PLANNING. Filed 3/25/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends new GS 153B-4 to clarify how vacancies on the Mountain Resources Commission (Commission) are filled and that the initial terms begin on September 1, 2009. Makes clear that no Commission expenses or per diem reimbursements will be paid if the Mountain Area Resources Fund lacks the necessary funds. Makes other technical changes. Effective when the act becomes law (was, July 1, 2009).

August 6, 2009

S 968. MOUNTAIN RESOURCES PLANNING. Filed 3/25/09. House amendments make changes to 3rd edition to be digested in tomorrow's *Daily Bulletin*.

August 7, 2009

S 968. MOUNTAIN RESOURCES PLANNING. Filed 3/25/09. House amendments make the following changes to 3rd edition. Amendment #1 deletes GS 153B-3, which established the Mountain Area Resources fund to be used to develop local and regional programs and plans for protecting mountain resources in the western part of the state. Amendment #3 makes conforming deletions in GS 153B-1 and GS 153B-4. Amendment #2 amends GS 153B-4 to provide that Mountain Resources Commission actions do not supersede local planning board decisions.

September 1, 2009

SL 2009-485 (S 968). MOUNTAIN RESOURCES PLANNING. AN ACT TO SUPPORT PLANNING FOR MOUNTAIN RESOURCES. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/26/09, 4/30/09, 8/5/09, and 8/7/09. Enacted August 26, 2009. Effective August 26, 2009.