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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM STATE AIR TOXICS EMISSIONS CONTROLS THOSE
2 SOURCES OF EMISSIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN FEDERAL
3 EMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REQUIRE PERMIT
5 CONDITIONS THAT ELIMINATE UNACCEPTABLE RISKS TO HUMAN HEALTH,
6 TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY TO REVIEW THE STATE AIR
7 TOXICS PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
8 THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
9 COMMISSION.
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11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-215.107(a) reads as rewritten:

13 "(a) Duty to Adopt Plans, Standards, etc. – The Commission is hereby directed and
14 empowered, as rapidly as possible within the limits of funds and facilities available to it, and
15 subject to the procedural requirements of this Article and Article 21:

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17 (5) To develop and adopt emission control standards as in the judgment of the
18 Commission may be necessary to prohibit, abate, or control air pollution
19 commensurate with established air quality standards. ~~This subdivision does
20 not apply to that portion of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous
21 Air Pollutants for asbestos that governs demolition and renovation as set out
22 in 40 C.F.R. § 61.141, 61.145, 61.150, and 61.154 (1 July 1993 edition).~~ The
23 Department shall implement rules adopted pursuant to this subsection as
24 follows:

25 a. Except as provided in sub-subdivision b. of this subdivision, rules
26 adopted pursuant to this subdivision that control emissions of toxic
27 air pollutants shall not apply to an air emission source that is any of
28 the following:

29 1. Subject to an applicable requirement under 40 C.F.R. Part 61,
30 as amended.

31 2. An affected source under 40 C.F.R. Part 63, as amended.

32 3. Subject to a case-by-case maximum achievable control
33 technology (MACT) permit requirement issued by the
34 Department pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7412(j), as amended.

35 b. Upon receipt of a permit application for a new source or facility, or
36 for the modification of an existing source or facility, that would



1 result in an increase in the emission of toxic air pollutants, the
2 Department shall review the application to determine if the emission
3 of toxic air pollutants from the source or facility would present an
4 unacceptable risk to human health. Upon making a written finding
5 that a source or facility presents or would present an unacceptable
6 risk to human health, the Department shall require the owner or
7 operator of the source or facility to submit a permit application for
8 any or all emissions of toxic air pollutants from the facility that
9 eliminates the unacceptable risk to human health. The written finding
10 may be based on modeling, epidemiological studies, actual
11 monitoring data, or other information that indicates an unacceptable
12 health risk. When the Department requires the owner or operator of a
13 source or facility to submit a permit application pursuant to this
14 sub-subdivision, the Department shall report to the Chairs of the
15 Environmental Review Commission on the circumstances
16 surrounding the permit requirement, including a copy of the written
17 finding.

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19 **SECTION 2.** The Environmental Management Commission shall amend its rules
20 adopted pursuant to G.S. 143-215.107(a) so that they are consistent with the provisions of
21 Section 1 of this act.

22 **SECTION 3.** The Division of Air Quality of the Department of Environment and
23 Natural Resources shall review toxic air pollutant rules adopted pursuant to
24 G.S. 143-215.107(a) and the implementation of those rules to determine whether changes could
25 be made to the rules or their implementation to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden and
26 increase the efficient use of Division resources while maintaining protection of public health.
27 The Division shall conduct this review in consultation with interested parties. The Division
28 shall report the results of its review, including recommendations, if any, to the Environmental
29 Review Commission no later than December 1, 2012.

30 **SECTION 4.** The Division of Air Quality in the Department of Environment and
31 Natural Resources shall report on the implementation of this act to the Environmental Review
32 Commission no later than December 1 for the years 2012, 2013, and 2014. The report shall
33 include an analysis of air toxic emissions changes and a summary of results of the Division's
34 analysis of air quality impacts.

35 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.