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Short Title: Airport Prop. Purchase/NCEPA waiver.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WAIVE THE
3 NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NCEPA)
4 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITIONS OF
5 PROPERTY FOR FUTURE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY
6 THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION
7 PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the
10 Department of Transportation shall not require environmental documentation under the North
11 Carolina Environmental Policy Act from any airport meeting all of the following requirements:

- 12 (1) The airport is acquiring 40 acres or less of property for future airport
13 development.
14 (2) The airport is located in a county with a population of greater than one
15 million (1,000,000) people, according to the most recent decennial federal
16 census.
17 (3) The airport has a total annual enplanement of over twenty million
18 (20,000,000) passengers, according to the most recent data provided by the
19 Federal Aviation Administration.

20 **SECTION 2.** The Department may adopt temporary rules to implement the
21 provisions of this act. Any temporary rules adopted in accordance with this section shall
22 remain in effect until permanent rules that replace the temporary rules become effective.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law, and expires July 1, 2020.



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