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Short Title: Study Polystyrene.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE USE OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM PRODUCTS THAT ARE USED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Environmental Review Commission shall study the use of polystyrene foam products that are used in conjunction with food for human consumption. The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following issues:

- (1) Current uses of polystyrene foam products in conjunction with food for human consumption.
- (2) Projected changes in the use of these products.
- (3) The environmental impacts of these products.
- (4) The extent to which efforts and programs to reduce the use of, to reuse or recycle, and to redesign or reformulate these products have been effective and are likely to be effective in reducing environmental harm from these products.
- (5) Whether the use of these products should be restricted or prohibited by the State or whether units of local government should be authorized to restrict or prohibit the use of these products.

Sec. 2. The Environmental Review Commission may request any appropriate committee, commission, or State agency to conduct all or any part of the study authorized by this act and to report its findings and recommendations either to the Environmental Review Commission or directly to the General Assembly. If the

1 committee, commission, or State agency agrees to conduct the study, the committee,
2 commission, or State agency shall do so using funds already appropriated or otherwise
3 available to it.

4 Sec. 3. The Environmental Review Commission may report its findings,
5 together with any recommended legislation, to either the 1992 Regular Session of the
6 1991 General Assembly or to the 1993 General Assembly by filing copies of its report
7 with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.