

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 215\*

Short Title: Backup Power for Wastewater Systems.

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Sponsors: Representatives Nichols; Weatherly and Culp.

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Referred to: Environment, if favorable, Appropriations.

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February 17, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL WASTEWATER SYSTEMS THAT MUST BE  
2 PERMITTED TO DISCHARGE WASTE TO HAVE AN ON-SITE GENERATOR,  
3 TO MAKE THIS REQUIREMENT A CONDITION OF A PERMIT, AND TO  
4 AUTHORIZE GRANTS FROM THE CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST  
5 FUND TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF  
6 SATISFYING THIS REQUIREMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.  
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9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 Section 1. G.S. 143-215.1(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

11 "(5) The Commission shall, as a condition of a permit, require wastewater  
12 systems, for which a permit for facilities discharging to the waters of the  
13 State is required, to have on-site a generator that is operated by a source  
14 of power other than electricity."

15 Section 2. G.S. 143-215.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 "(h) Any wastewater system for which a permit for facilities discharging to the  
17 waters of the State is required shall not be operated unless a generator that is operated by  
18 a source of power other than electricity is maintained on-site."

19 Section 3. By October 1, 1997, the Environmental Management Commission  
20 shall develop a schedule of dates after October 1, 1997, but not to extend beyond January

1 1, 2003, by which existing wastewater systems with discharge permits must comply with  
2 G.S. 143-215.1(b)(5) and G.S. 143-215.1(h), as enacted in Sections 1 and 2 of this act.

3 Section 4. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997, and applies to those  
4 new wastewater systems and expansions of wastewater systems for which a discharge  
5 permit is required and for which a site evaluation is conducted on or after that date and  
6 applies to all other wastewater systems in accordance with the schedule developed under  
7 Section 3 of this act.