

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1631

Short Title: Cullasaja River Designation.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gibson; and Culp.

Referred to: Environmental and Natural Resources.

May 18, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A 7.5-MILE SECTION OF THE CULLASAJA RIVER AS A SCENIC RIVER IN THE NORTH CAROLINA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 113A-35.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 113A-35.2. Additional components.

That segment of the Linville River beginning at the State Highway 183 bridge over the Linville River and extending approximately 13 miles downstream to the boundary between the United States Forest Service lands and lands of Duke Power Company (latitude 35° 50' 20") shall be a natural river area and shall be included in the North Carolina Natural and Scenic ~~River~~Rivers System.

That segment of the Horsepasture River in Transylvania County extending downstream from Bohaynee Road (N.C. 281) to Lake Jocassee shall be a natural river and shall be included in the North Carolina Natural and Scenic Rivers System.

That segment of the Lumber River extending from county road 1412 in Scotland County downstream to the North Carolina-South Carolina state line, a distance of approximately 102 river miles, shall be included in the Natural and Scenic Rivers System and classified as follows: from county road 1412 in Scotland County downstream to the

1 junction of the Lumber River and Back Swamp shall be classified as scenic; from the
2 junction of the Lumber River and Back Swamp downstream to the junction of the
3 Lumber River and Jacob Branch and the river within the Fair Bluff town limits shall be
4 classified as recreational; and from the junction of the Lumber River and Jacob Branch
5 downstream to the North Carolina-South Carolina state line, excepting the Fair Bluff
6 town limits, shall be classified as natural.

7 That segment of the Cullasaja River in Macon County beginning at the United States
8 Forest Service property boundary below the spillway of the Lake Sequoyah Dam and
9 extending downstream through the Cullasaja Gorge within the Nantahala National Forest
10 for 7.5 miles shall be a scenic river in the North Carolina Natural and Scenic Rivers
11 System."

12 Section 2. This act does not create an additional water quality standard or
13 basis for decision-making for any increase in the quantity of waste discharged from the
14 wastewater treatment plant that the Town of Highlands currently operates and that
15 discharges into the Cullasaja River.

16 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.