

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-173  
HOUSE BILL 1201**

**AN ACT TO PROMOTE WATER CONSERVATION BY EXPANDING THE  
DEFINITION OF CONTIGUOUS PREMISES TO INCLUDE MANUFACTURED  
HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 62-110(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) For the purpose of encouraging water conservation, the Commission may, consistent with the public interest, adopt procedures that allow a lessor, pursuant to a written rental agreement, to allocate the costs for providing water and sewer service on a metered use basis to persons who occupy the same contiguous premises. A written rental agreement shall specify a monthly rent that shall be the sum of the base rent plus additional rent at a rate that does not exceed the actual purchase price of the water and sewer service to the provider plus a reasonable administrative fee. The Commission shall issue rules to define contiguous premises and to implement this subsection. In issuing the rule to define contiguous premises, the Commission shall consider contiguous premises where manufactured homes, as defined in G.S. 143-145(7), or spaces for manufactured homes are rented. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Commission shall determine the extent to which the services shall be regulated and, to the extent necessary to protect the public interest, regulate the terms, conditions, and rates that may be allocated for the services. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to alter the rights, obligations, or remedies of persons providing water and sewer services and their customers under any other provision of law."

**SECTION 2.** In enacting Section 1 of this act, it is the intent of the General Assembly to promote water conservation while protecting public health, safety, welfare, and the environment and avoiding unduly burdensome requirements on consecutive water systems. Section 1 of this act shall not be construed to impose any requirement on a supplying water system other than the requirements that apply to the water system on the date this act becomes effective and that would apply to the supplying water system if a consecutive water system had not been authorized.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 10:03 a.m. this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003