

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1281

Short Title: County Control of Noxious Weeds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives L. Allen, Ed Jones, Wray (Primary Sponsors); and Carney.

Referred to: Local Government II.

April 19, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO GRANT COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PROJECTS IN RIVERS AND LAKES AND TO GRANT CERTAIN COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO DEFINE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL SERVICE DISTRICTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-185(3) reads as rewritten:

"(3) Acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, extending, renovating, enlarging, maintaining, operating, or otherwise building or improving

a. Beach erosion control or flood and hurricane protection works;

~~and~~

b. Watershed improvement projects, drainage projects and water resources development projects (as those projects are defined in ~~G.S. 153A-301~~; G.S. 153A-301); and

c. Noxious weed control projects in rivers, lakes, and tributaries of a river or lake."

SECTION 2. G.S. 153A-301 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) The Board of Commissioners of a county that adjoins or contains a lake, river, or tributary of a river or lake that has an identified noxious weed problem may define any number of noxious weed control service districts composed of property that are contiguous to the water or direct access to the water through a shared, certified access site to the water."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.