GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 2007

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SENATE DRS85136-LD-86 (02/27)

Short Title:	Consolidate Environmental Reg. Commissions.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Hoyle.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AND REPLACE IT WITH A NEW, FULL-TIME ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MODELED ON THE UTILITIES COMMISSION; TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, COMMUNICATION, AND COORDINATION WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY AND TO REDUCE COSTS BY ELIMINATING THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND CONSOLIDATING THEIR POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS IN THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: (1) THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION, (2) THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, (3) THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION, (4) THE MINING COMMISSION, (5) THE RADIATION PROTECTION COMMISSION, (6) THE SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION, (7) THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, (8) THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION, (9) THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS BOARD OF CERTIFICATION, AND (10) THE WELL CONTRACTORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO TRANSFER RULE-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF CHAPTER 130A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FROM THE COMMISSION FOR HEALTH SERVICES TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: ARTICLE 9 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT), ARTICLE 10 (DRINKING WATER ACT), AND ARTICLE 11 (WASTEWATER SYSTEMS); AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY AND BUDGET CHANGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapters 74, 87, 90A, 104E, 113, 113A, 130A, 139, 143, and 143B of the General Statutes are amended.

SECTION 2. The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Chapter to read:

"**Chapter 169.**

"**Environmental Protection and Conservation of Natural Resources.**"

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.