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HOUSE BILL 1809

Short Title: Municipal Wastewater Disposal LRC Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tucker, Grady, and Cleveland (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
2 STUDY METHODS OF DISPOSING OF WASTEWATER AT MUNICIPAL
3 WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study current
7 methods of disposing of wastewater at municipal wastewater treatment facilities, as
8 defined in G.S. 143-215.6D, and may study the feasibility and desirability of municipal
9 wastewater treatment facilities employing other methods of disposing of wastewater. In
10 its study, the Commission may consider all of the following:

- 11 (1) Whether the current practice of land application of wastewater at any
12 municipal wastewater treatment facilities requires too much land to be
13 practicable in the long term.
- 14 (2) Whether the current practice of land application of wastewater at
15 municipal wastewater treatment facilities is better suited to certain
16 parts of the State or to areas of certain geological or topographical
17 conditions.
- 18 (3) Whether there are any alternative methods of disposing of wastewater
19 at municipal wastewater treatment systems and the costs and benefits
20 of employing any such alternative methods either on a statewide basis
21 or in any specific area of the State.
- 22 (4) Subject to Section 2 of this act, any other issues the Commission
23 considers relevant to this topic.

24 **SECTION 2.** The study authorized by this act shall not address any issues
25 regarding animal waste management systems, as defined in G.S. 143-215.10B, at swine
26 farms, as defined in G.S. 106-802, or the land application of wastewater associated with
27 animal waste, as defined in G.S. 143-215.10B.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim
2 report to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final
3 report to the 2009 General Assembly.

4 **SECTION 4.** The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds
5 appropriated to the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services
6 Commission in conducting this study.

7 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.