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BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2011

**GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE**

Senate Bill 781, "*An Act to Increase Regulatory Efficiency in Order to Balance Job Creation and Environmental Protection*"

I am strongly in favor of regulatory reform. Through my Executive Order, I have spearheaded the effort to improve our State's regulatory system by taking a balanced approach that protects the economy, public health, public safety, and the environment, and I will continue to do so. While I wholeheartedly support the General Assembly's desire to pass laws aimed at reforming our bureaucracy, those laws have to be balanced and meet constitutional standards. Senate Bill 781 fails this test. It would take final decision-making authority in certain circumstances away from state agencies and instead give it to the Office of Administrative Hearings – a result that the Attorney General has repeatedly declared is in violation of the North Carolina Constitution. I urge the General Assembly to revisit the issue of regulatory reform.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Eaves Perdue". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Beverly Eaves Perdue

*This bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, at 4:15 pm for reconsideration by that body.*

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Sarah Clapp

