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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 268 (2025-2026) [2026 BUDGET TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS - II. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2026 AND TO OTHER ACTS.*

The conference report is to be summarized.

Intro. by Hastings, Pickett.

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PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 445 (2025-2026) [REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2026. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 24 2025, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

Conference report makes the following changes to the 5th edition.

Removes the following: Section 1 (repeal of the 2023 fisheries harvest reporting requirement), Section 7 (allowing students to complete surveys associated with nationally norm-referenced college admissions tests), Section 8 (allowable uses of PESA scholarship), Section 9.5 (Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund prioritization changes), Section 11 (developer choice for performance guarantees for driveway and encroachment projects), Section 16 (prohibiting local governments from requiring employers to bargain with labor organizations or set wages or benefits in consultation with a labor organization or similar entity), Section 17.5 (reduce continuing education hours for used motor vehicle dealer license renewal), and Section 19 (changes to the SBI's subpoena authority). Renumbers the remaining provisions.

Modifies existing content as follows.

Section 23 (formerly Section 18).

Changes the effective date of the section (which adds an approved firearm safety and training course) to October 1, 2026 (was, July 1, 2026).

Section 41 (formerly Section 10).

Further amends GS 160D-108.1 by removing the addition exceptions from when an established vested right precludes any development regulation by a local government which would change, alter, impair, prevent, diminish or otherwise delay the development or use of the property (was, except when (1) due to site conditions resulting from a natural disaster in an area with a declared disaster, the local government determines that under current site conditions the site no longer meets applicable safety, environmental, or engineering standards, or that preclusion of the development regulation would present a material risk to life, health, or property, or (2) upon adoption of a floodplain ordinance adopted to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program).

Section 43 (formerly Section 13).

Amends the applicability of new GS 160D-703.1 (residential right of use in commercial districts) so that is now applicable to cities with a population of 50,000 or greater that are located in counties not in the coastal area, as that term is defined in GS

113A-103, with a population of 275,000 or greater (was cites with a population of 50,000 or greater located in counties with a population of 275,000 or greater).

Section 44 (formerly Section 14).

Amends the applicability of new GS 160D-917 (accessory dwelling units) so that it applies only to cities with a population of 50,000 or greater, that are not in the coastal area, as that term is defined in GS 113A-103 (was, population of 50,000 or greater, with no mention of coastal area). Changes the effective date of the statute to January 15, 2027 (was, October 1, 2026).

Adds the following new content.

Part I

Section 4.

Amends GS 47C-3-121 (applicable to condominiums) and GS 47F-3-121 (applicable to planned communities) by removing the exception to the prohibition on regulating or prohibiting the display of an American or North Carolina Flag no greater than 4x6 feet displayed in the appropriate manner, for restrictions that were written on the first page of the instrument or conveyance in the specified format and messaging.

Section 5.

Amends GS 25-9-102, GS 143-143.9, and GS 143-145 by removing the current definition of manufactured home and now defining it as it is defined in the specified federal law. Amends GS 20-58.4A and GS 41-56 by replacing the term mobile home with manufactured home. Makes a technical change in GS 24-1.1E. Amends GS 47-20.6 and GS 41-56 by adding that manufactured home is defined as it is defined in the specified federal law. Amends GS 47H-1 by making a clarifying change. Amends GS 58-38-90 by adding a cross-reference to the definition of manufactured home. Effective October 1, 2026.

Section 6.

Amends GS 87-43.1 by exempting from Article 4, Electrical Contractors, of GS Chapter 87 a person temporarily attaching listed single 3-prong receptacles or power taps to existing temporary luminaries or lighting fixtures and plugging those luminaries or fixtures into existing permanent receptacles, only when the three listed conditions apply, including that a valid electrical permit is obtained from the local authority having jurisdiction before the work.

Section 7.

Amends GS 86B-32 by amending the exemption from Article 2, Barbers, of GS Chapter 86B, for a person whose duties are expressly confined to shampooing or blow drying of hair to no longer require that they be employed by a barbershop. Amends GS 88B-25 by amending the exemption from GS Chapter 88B for a person whose duties are expressly confined to shampooing or blow drying of hair to no longer require that they be employed in a cosmetic art shop and by removing the requirement that they comply with rules related to sanitary management of cosmetic art shops.

Section 8.

Enacts new GS 90-624.1 providing that a person providing only stretching services is not required to be licensed as a massage and bodywork therapist. Allows a massage and bodywork therapy establishment to employ or contract with one or more person to provide stretching services. Specifies that establishment's license does not extend any authorization to practice massage and bodywork therapy to a person providing only stretching services at the establishment, and the person is not authorized to practice massage and bodywork therapy under the establishment's license. Amends GS 90-632.16 concerning the prohibition of unlicensed massage and bodywork therapy at establishments by adding that the statute does not prohibit a massage and bodywork therapy establishment from employing or contracting with a person to provide only stretching services and specifies that for the purposes of the statute, a person providing only stretching services is not employed or contracted to provide massage and bodywork therapy. Amends GS 90-624 by adding that the Article does not prohibit or affect providing stretching services by a person providing only those services. Amends GS 90-622 by adding and defining the terms active stretching, active-assisted stretching, passive stretching, and stretching services.

Section 9.

Enacts new GS 160D-702.1 providing as follows. Prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing a glazing requirement requiring glazing, transparency, windows, doors, storefront glass, faux windows, or other transparent or translucent facade materials to exceed 35% of the ground-floor facade area (was defined) of a commercial or mixed use building. Defines glazing requirement. Provides that for portions of a commercial or mixed-use building used primarily for non-storefront purposes, local governments are prohibited from adopting or enforcing a glazing requirement that requires glazing or transparency to exceed 20% of the ground-floor facade area; includes a list of eight items that are considered non-storefront uses. Specifies that these limitations apply only to glazing or transparency required by a local government; voluntary glazing is not limited by this statute and local governments may not condition development approvals on voluntary glazing in excess of the statutes' limits. Sets out eight areas not impacted by this statute. Effective October 1, 2026, and voids any development regulation that is inconsistent with GS 160D-702.1 on or after that date to the extent of the inconsistency. Specifies that this does not affect the validity of a development approval issued, or an application for a development approval submitted before the October 1, 2026, effective date.

Section 10.

Amends GS 20-171.15 to allow persons under age 16 to operate all-terrain vehicles if they: (1) are at least eight years old, (2) participate in or have completed the specified safety course, (3) it has been determined by a course instructor that they cannot safely operate an all-terrain vehicle that complies with the Age Restriction Warning label and that the vehicle to be operated is appropriate for the person, (4) that the person meets requirements related to brake reach, leg length, grip reach, and handlebar control, (5) operates the all-terrain vehicle while supervised by the safety course instructor while participating in the course, or after the course, under supervision of a person age 18 or older, and (6) comply with all other requirements of the Part.

Amends GS 20-171.20 to allow an all-terrain vehicle safety certification issued to a person under age 16 to include a written rider-fit determination by the course instruction identifying the appropriate type or size of vehicle for the person.

Section 11.

Amends GS 130A-280 to exclude from Part 10, Public Swimming Pools, of GS Chapter 130A, private pools serving a single family dwelling used by a person providing swim instruction, regardless of whether their guests or the swim instructor gain use of the private pool through a sharing economy platform or pay a fee for its use. Makes conforming changes. Amends GS 130A-39 by including in the prohibition on a local board of health from adopting a rule concerning a private pool serving a single family dwelling otherwise exempt from regulation under GS 130A-280, rules concerning the recreational or instructional use of the exempt private pool.

Section 12-17.

Creates exemptions to the statutory due dates for the annual reports that must be filed by corporations (new GS 55-16-22.3), LLCs (new GS 57D-2-26), and limited liability partnerships (new GS 59-84.6) under State law for those entities owned by deployed members of the Armed Forces, as follows. For corporations and limited liability partnerships, specifies that a deployed member of the Armed Forces is a member of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, or Space Force or a member of any reserve component, who is removed from his or her county of residence pursuant to an official order for a deployment period that ends on or after the ninetieth day preceding the due date of the annual report. For LLCs the deployment period is one that ends on or after the ninetieth day preceding the due date of the annual report. Deems an annual report timely filed for corporations and limited liability partnerships if it is filed by the requisite entity in which more than 50% of the ownership interest is owned by one or more deployed members and within 90 business days of the end of the deployment period. Imposes the same ownership requirements on LLCs owned by deployed members of the Armed Forces, but deems the date of timely filing April 15 of the year immediately following the end of the deployment period. Requires the corporation/LLC/limited liability partnership (collectively, the businesses) to electronically file a sworn affidavit of deployment with the Secretary of State prior to the start of the deployment. Provides for extensions if the deployment is extended; requires filing a sworn affidavit of extended deployment. Only allows for dissolution if the period of delinquency for the applicable ground is 180 days or more past the end of the deployment period indicated in the affidavit of deployment. Waives document fees and the filing fee for the report due after the end of deployment for the businesses. Makes conforming changes to GS 55-16-22 (annual report--corporations); GS 57D-2-24 (annual reports--LLCs); and GS 59-84.4 (annual reports--limited liability partnerships). Effective October 1, 2026.

Amends GS 132-1.2 making confidential information that reveals information contained in an affidavit of deployment or an affidavit of extended deployment under the statutes above. Effective October 1, 2026.

Effective when the act becomes law, requires the Secretary of State to make the notice of deployment forms available by October 1, 2026.

Section 17.5.

Amends Section 5A.3 of SL 2026-41 as follows.

Requires that North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM), rather than the Department of Transportation (DOT) develop a separate design category and standard for private bridges allowing lower design loads for residential and agricultural uses, and simpler abutments and foundations that maintain residential code compliance; allows consulting with DOT in developing this category and standard. Requires that the standard be based on recognized structural design and safety principles (was, maintain American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials load and safety criteria) and allow allows for alternative construction methods and foundation systems; requires it be appropriate for both private residential and agricultural bridge applications. Adds criteria that must be considered and applied. Adds a new provision requiring NCEM, for private bridge projects with an estimated construction cost of \$500,000 or less, to allow qualified design-build delivery by a North Carolina licensed general contractor holding the highway classification. Prohibits NCEM from requiring the use of prescriptive standard bridge plans where a project-specific design, prepared and sealed by the licensed professional engineer, demonstrates compliance with the applicable loading and safety criteria. Makes conforming changes. Amends Section 2C.1 of SL 2025-2 to allow NCEM (was required) to consult with DOT in administering the Private Road and Bridge Repair and Replacement Program.

Requires NCEM to develop the separate design category and standard within 60 days of the act's effective date.

Effective retroactively to July 1, 2026.

Part II

Section 24.

Requires any school buildings constructed in Brunswick County on or after the date that the section becomes law to be at least 1 mile, measured in a straight line from property line to property line, from any existing sport shooting range. Defines school building and sport shooting range.

Section 25.

Adds new Article 11, Rural Recreational and Heritage Event Nuisance Immunity, in GS Chapter 99E, providing as follows. Specifies that a facility is not subject to any action brought by a surrounding property owner under any nuisance or taking cause of action arising from a rural recreational and heritage event at the facility if the following were true as of the date that the surrounding property owner purchased property in the area of the facility, or if the surrounding property owner owned that property before events were first conducted at the facility, as of the date that the surrounding property owner first constructed a building on that property: (1) the facility was lawfully established and complying with laws, ordinances, and permitting requirements applicable when the facility was established, and (2) one or more rural recreational and heritage events have been conducted at the facility within 24 months preceding the date on which the surrounding property owner purchased the property or constructed the building. Defines area of the facility as the area within a 3-mile radius of the perimeter of the property or a contiguous group of properties where a facility is located. Also defines facility, and rural recreational, and heritage event.

Part III

Section 28.

Repeals GS 143B-279.19(17) which required the rates under GS 143-215.94C (commercial leaking petroleum underground storage tank cleanup fees) to be adjusted every four years in accordance with the Consumer Price Index computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics during the prior two bienniums.

Reduces the annual operating fee under GS 143-215.94C (commercial leaking petroleum underground storage tank cleanup fees) from \$498 to \$420 and the late fee from \$6 to \$5 per day, per tank. Applies to fees imposed on or after October 1, 2026.

Section 29.

Enacts new GS 143-215.1D, providing as follows. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (EMC) the Commission for Public Health, to each recognize and honor a DEQ permit and DHHS permit for a combined wastewater treatment facility (a treatment facility, the effluent from which is discharged, in whole or in part, through a DEQ permit and, in whole or in part, through a DHHS permit). Prohibits neither Department nor Commission from disregarding, excluding, or declining to credit capacity authorized under a permit issued by the other department, including a DHHS permit, when determining the total permitted treatment and disposal capacity of a wastewater treatment facility. Requires, when requested by the owner or operator of a combined wastewater treatment facility that is discharging under a DHHS or DEQ permit, or an owner or operator of a wastewater treatment facility that seeks to discharge under a DHHS permit, a permit issued under GS 143-215.1 (Control of sources of water pollution; permits required), or both, DHHS must authorize a combined permitted capacity equal to the sum of the capacities approved under a DHHS permit or GS 143-215.1, less the combined permitted capacity attributable to shared treatment and conveyance components for both systems that may limit the combined system capacity to less than the total capacity authorized for the two systems. Sets out requirements for the permits related to the division of regulatory authority, delineation of jurisdiction, prohibition on encroachment, severability of permits and conditions, and construction of the statute. Requires the issuance of permits, certificates of coverage, and authorizations for the extension of a sewer system to a combined wastewater treatment facility to be on the basis of the combined permitted capacity of that facility. Requires the Departments to enter into a memorandum of agreement establishing procedures for the reciprocal recognition of capacity and for the issuance of permits. Allows the Commissions to adopt rules to implement this statute.

Section 29.

Amends GS 130A-336.1 (Alternative process for wastewater system approvals) by adding the following. Requires that capacity authorized by a permit issued under this statute, and under a DHHS permit as described under GS 143-215.1D(a)(3), be recognized and credited as provided in GS 143-215.1D (described above). Requires DHHS and the Commission for Public Health to recognize and honor the treatment and discharge capacity authorized for a wastewater treatment facility under a permit issued by the DEQ.

Makes a subsurface wastewater dispersal system receive effluent with a design daily flow greater than or equal to 25,000 gallons per day proposed to be constructed subject to specified requirements related to department review, compliance review determination, continuing oversight, review of previously issued permits and authorizations, and recognition of capacity.

Requires the memorandum of agreement between DEQ and DHHS to be executed by October 31, 2026.

Effective October 31, 2026.

Section 30.

Adds new Part 3, "Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts," to GS Chapter 143, Article 3B. Provides citations for provisions recodified in new Part 3: GS 143-64.18 (was, GS 143-64.17B), GS 143-64.18D (was, GS 143-64.17D), GS 143-64.18E (was, GS 143-64.17E), GS 143-64.18F (was, GS 143-64.17F), GS 143-64.18J (was, GS 143-64.17G), and GS 143-64.18K (was, GS 143-64.17H).

As part of new Part 3, enacts GS 143-64.18A requiring a governmental unit to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) before entering a guaranteed energy savings contract. Provides notice requirements for RFQs. Provides minimum content requirements of RFQ.

Requires the governmental unit to select the qualified provider that best meets the needs of the governmental unit based on an evaluation of: (1) demonstrated competence of the provider; (2) provider's past performance on energy saving projects; (3) technical feasibility of the proposal; (4) the life cycle cost analysis; (5) certification by a licensed professional engineer that proposed measurement and verification protocol is capable of measuring actual savings; (6) the total project cost with a side-by-side comparison if multiple financing options are available; (7) for state governmental units, inclusion of a contract provision that requires an impartial third-party to conduct the annual measurement and verification review and include the third-party's compensation in the total cost; and (8) any other criteria stated in the RFQ.

Requires the governmental unit to evaluate RFQ responses and develop a shortlist of the most highly qualified respondents. Permits the unit to proceed with the evaluation and selection without resolicitation, if only one response is received from a qualified provider and the unit makes a written determination that resolicitation is unlikely to increase competition. For state governmental units, if only one response is received, the State Energy Office must concur with the determination. Requires a

qualified reviewer to review the shortlist and provide the unit with a written evaluation. Provides minimum requirements for that evaluation. Then, the unit must rank the shortlisted respondents, select the highest-ranked qualified provider, and negotiate the terms of the contract. If negotiations are unsuccessful, the unit can proceed to the next-ranked provider.

Requires the qualified provider to: (1) submit, prepare, and make available for public inspection a report that summarizes the estimated costs of installation, maintenance, repairs, and debt service, in addition to estimates of the amounts of energy or operating costs' reduction, and includes a life-cycle cost analysis and (2) conduct an investment grade audit that includes a life cycle cost analysis of each energy conservation measure in the final proposal, unless the local governmental unit waives the audit requirement, permitted for a contract with a total cost below \$250,000. If the audit results are not within 10% (state units) or 15% (local units) of both the guaranteed savings in the proposal and total proposal amount, either the governmental unit or the qualified provider may terminate the project with no additional obligation to the other party. If the governmental unit terminates the project after an audit is conducted and results are within the applicable variance, the unit must reimburse the qualified provider the reasonable cost incurred in conducting the audit, and the results of the audit must become the property of the unit.

Requires the qualified reviewer to review the qualified provider's final proposal, cost-benefit analysis, and other relevant documents prior to the governmental unit entering a contract. Details process and requirements for the State Energy Office's completion of such review for state units. Prohibits a unit from entering a contract until the State Energy Office has determined the proposal complies with Article 3B. Clarifies that nothing in GS 143-64.18A limits governmental unit authority as provided in GS Chapter 143, Article 3D.

Amends recodified GS 143-64.18B by (1) adding new subsection (c1) requiring a qualified provider to pay a non-refundable administrative fee of \$1,000 to the State Energy Office to be applied to the costs of reviewing contracts and administering the program, within 30 days of entering a guaranteed energy savings contract. Prohibits provider from charging or seeking reimbursement of the administrative fee cost from the governmental unit and prohibits provider from including the cost in the total cost of the contract; (2) amending subsection (d), which provides what costs are included in the total cost, by adding capital funding to the list of funds to be subtracted out of the listed costs provided; (3) removes subsection (f) related to the investment grade audit qualified providers must complete.

Section 31-33.

Makes conforming changes to GS 115C-47, GS 115D-20, GS 133-4.1, GS 143-129.4, GS 143-135.37, GS 160A-20, GS 143-64.12, GS 142-61, GS 142-63, GS 159-151, GS 143-64.17K, GS 142-63, and GS 143-64.17L.

Require DEQ adopt rules to implement these provisions.

Section 34.

Amends GS 74-49, which defines terms as they are used in Article 7 (The Mining Act of 1971) of GS Chapter 74, by excluding from the definition of *mining* activities undertaken at any time within the mine permit boundaries for the production and harvesting of timber and timber products and conducted according to standards defined by the Forest Practice Guidelines Related to Water Quality, as adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (specifies that this exemption does not apply to any undisturbed property).

Amends GS 74-50 by amending the timing by which requests must be made for public hearings on proposed new or modified mining operations that add land to the permitted area, so that requests must be made within 30 days of the later of the issuance of the notice or receipt of the application (was, within 30 days of issuance of the notice). Provides that if at any time the bond or other security, or any part thereof, lapses for any reason excluding cancellation of the bond by the surety (was any reason other than a release by the Department), and the lapsed bond or security is not replaced by the operator within 30 days after notice of the lapse, the permit to which the lapsed bond or security pertains shall be automatically revoked. Requires that if the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is noticed of pending cancellation of the operator's bond by the surety and the bond is replaced within 45 days of receiving notice, then the permit to which the bond applies is automatically revoked. Prohibits DEQ from extending or altering public comment periods and time frames for conducting public hearings under Article 7. Specifies that when there is a public hearing under GS 74-51(c) (when significant public interest exists in an application for a new mining permit or for a modification of a mining permit to add land to the permitted area), the 60-day technical review period does not end until the later of 30 days following the hearing or the original 60-day technical review period.

Amends GS 74-51 by removing the specified time limitations for deciding on mining permits, leaving the requirement that they be granted or denied as expeditiously as possible. Prohibits refusing to accept an application for, nor refusing to issue, a new, modified, or transferred mining permit only because of the applicant's failure to obtain another permit, authorization, or certification required for the same project (specifies that such failure does not include denial based on the standards for approval of the permit, authorization, or certification provided by law). Requires DEQ to act on a permit application as quickly as possible. Allows conducting any necessary inquiry or investigation before acting on the application and allows requiring an application to submit additional information. Deems an application approved without modification if DEQ fails to act on an application for a new, modified, or transferred mining permit as required by the statute after the applicant submits all of the information required by DEQ. Requires reviewing an application for completeness within ten working days and then sets out additional deadlines for the start of the technical review period depending on completeness. Requires DEQ to develop an application package checklist. Requires an application to be approved when, during the 60-day technical review period, DEQ determines that the application meets the standards for issuance of a new, modified, or transferred mining permit. Sets out steps that must be taken when, during the 60-day technical review period, DEQ determines that additional information is needed to process the application. Allows a permit to be denied if the applicant failed to pay the application processing fee within 30 days of DEQ receiving the application. Automatically denies a permit if the operator fails to deposit the required bond or security within 60 days after DEQ mails a notice of the required bond to the operator.

Applies to permit applications filed on or after October 1, 2026.

Section 35.

Amends proposed GS 130A-295.2 by exempting an owner or operation of a permitted Small or Large Type 1, or 2 compost facility from financial assurance requirements. Effective December 1, 2026.

Section 36.

Amends GS 143-215.94BB by amending the definition of offshore waters to refer to the Gulf of America instead of the Gulf of Mexico.

Section 39.

Requires EMC to implement the New Stormwater MDC Rule, (15A NCAC 02H .1050, MDC for All Stormwater Control Measures) as follows. Where an applicant requests approval of a new stormwater control technology and associated Minimum Design Criteria, the Division is required to act on that request within 90 days of receipt, including the standards for siting, site preparation, design, construction, maintenance, and research studies. If the Division fails to approve or deny the request within the 90-day period, the request is deemed approved and the standards submitted by the applicant are adopted as the Minimum Design Criteria. Requires the EMC to amend the Rule consistent with this provision.

Section 40.

Repeals Section 2 of SL 2026-39 which modified the authority of certain local governments to require stormwater control for redeveloped property.

Part IV

Section 41.

Amends GS 160D-108, concerning development permit choice and vested rights, by adding to the conditions under which the 24-hour discontinuance period that follows the expiration of the vesting for an uncompleted development project that has been discontinued for no less than 24 consecutive months is automatically tolled so that it is tolled during the duration of an emergency declaration for which the defined emergency area includes the property. Makes conforming and organizational changes.

Section 45.

Requires the Building Code Council and the Residential Code Council (Council) and local governments enforcing the North Carolina State Building Code collection, and amendments to the Code, to adhere to the following as it relates to the R402 (provisions and tables within Section 402, Building Thermal Envelope, North Carolina—Residential Provisions, of the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code) rules within the North Carolina Energy Conservation Code. Provides that when Table R402.1.2, Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component, requires wood frame wall R-Values, installing air-

impermeable spray foam insulation as cavity insulation, which meets R13 in climate zones 3 and 4, and R-15 insulation in climate zone 5, without installation of additional continuous insulation, will be deemed to satisfy the R-value requirements for the wood frame wall in the appropriate climate zone, so long as the building envelope obtains an ACH50 blower door test result of less than or equal to 3.0. Requires the Council to adopt rules to amend the R402 Rules to be consistent with this provision.

Section 46.

Specifies that there is no requirement that that building thermal envelope meets or exceeds the levels of efficiency and Solar Heat Gain Coefficients in tables R406.2.1 and R406.2.2, which must be deleted from the R406 Rules (as defined). Requires that the minimum standards associated with compliance must be the ANSI RESNET ICC Standard 301-2022. Requires the Building Code Council and the Residential Code Council to adopt rules to amend R406 Rules consistent with this provision.

Section 47.

Amends GS 87-21 as follows. Exempts a person who installs or connects a sanitary sewer line serving a manufactured home from the provisions pertaining to plumbers and contractors set forth in Article 2 of GS Chapter 87 if the five listed conditions are met, including, length and diameter requirements of the sewer line and the work remains subject to all required permits and inspections, and the sewer line is not covered, backfilled, or otherwise concealed until it has been inspected and approved by the authority having jurisdiction. Exempts a person who installs or connects a water line serving a manufactured home that does not exceed 100 linear feet between an existing water meter and point of connection from the provisions pertaining to plumbers and contractors set forth in Article 2 of GS Chapter 87 if the four listed conditions are met.

Section 48.

Amends GS 160D-1110.1 as follows. Amends the at-risk building foundation permit so that it also authorizes an applicant to proceed with any associated trade permit necessary to support the authorized foundation construction. Makes conforming changes.

Section 49.

Enacts new GS 160D-402.1 requiring local governments to prominently display their current fee schedules on their website. Requires the website to be updated to reflect any changes to fees, rates, or methods used to develop fees and rates within 30 days of adopting an ordinance that makes the changes. Requires local governments to report annually on fee schedules, fee collections, and compliance with this statute to the Local Government Commission, which must publish and display on its website a statewide report of local governments' current fee schedules. Requires local governments to give the fee schedule and a fee estimate to an applicant before a development approval; requires that the information be provided within 10 days of an application being completed. Also sets the deadline for providing an updated estimate when the project materially changes. Prohibits requiring the fee to be paid before providing an estimate. Requires local governments to give applicants a written, final, binding fee statement when a development approval is issued and prohibits the final fee from exceeding the most recent estimate, unless the local government adopts a new fee schedule by ordinance. Allows applicants to pursue a civil action to compel a local government to comply with this statute.

Specifies that this section does not limit or affect the power or authority of a local government to impose fees consistent with its statutory authority or constitutional requirements. Also specifies that this section does not require the disclosure of confidential information.

Section 50.

Amends GS 150B-21.1 to allow an agency to adopt a temporary rule when it finds that adherence to the notice and hearing requirements of GS 150B-21.2 would be contrary to the public interest and that the immediate adoption of the rule is required by the need for the Residential Code Council to adopt rules amending the 2018 and 2024 North Carolina Residential Code, if the temporary rule is adopted on or after the date the Residential Code Council becomes fully constituted in accordance with the membership requirements of GS 143-136.1. Expires two years after the Residential Code Council becomes fully constituted.

Section 52.

Amends GS 62-110 so that the conditions that apply to billing for water and sewer service for leased premises that are contiguous dwelling units built before 1989 also apply to a mobile home located within a mobile home park sited before 1989. Amends those conditions by no longer prohibiting a lessor from using a ratio utility billing system or other allocation billing system that does not rely on individually submetered hot water usage to determine the allocation of water and sewer costs.

Intro. by Jarvis.

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S 1091 (2025-2026) [ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION](#). Filed Jul 27 2026, *A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A SERIES OF DATES CERTAIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING ON THOSE DATES AND ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINE DIE THEREAFTER.*

Provides that when the House of Representatives and the Senate adjourn on Thursday, August 6, 2026, they stand adjourned to reconvene on (1) Monday, August 31, 2026, at 12:00 noon through Wednesday, September 2, 2026; (2) Monday, September 28, 2026, at 12:00 noon through Wednesday, September 30, 2026; (3) Monday, October 26, 2026, at 12:00 noon through Wednesday, October 28, 2026; (4) Monday, November 16, 2026, at 12:00 noon through Thursday, November 19, 2026; and (5) Monday, November 30, 2026, at 12:00 noon through Friday, December 18, 2026, at which time they stand adjourned sine die.

Limits what can be considered during each of these sessions to: (1) bills returned by the Governor with his objections solely for the purpose of considering overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill; (2) bills containing no matter other than one or more of the following: a. the selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees NCGA upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or a minority leader of a chamber, b. actions on gubernatorial nominations or appointments, c. actions related to litigation challenging the legality of legislative enactments, d. matters relating to election laws, including bills concerning the districts for Congressional, State House, State Senate, judicial, municipal, county, and other elected officials, e. impeachment pursuant to Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution or GS Chapter 123, f. proposals for amendments to the State Constitution, statutory, conforming, and transitional changes to implement such bills, or both; (3) simple resolutions addressing organizational matters of each respective house; (4) adoption of conference reports for bills for which conferees had been appointed by both houses on or before Thursday, August 6, 2026; (5) bills returned on or before Thursday, August 6, 2026, to the house in which the bill originated for concurrence; and (6) a joint resolution further adjourning the 2025 Regular Session, amending a joint resolution adjourning the 2025 Regular Session, or adjourning the 2025 Regular Session, sine die.

Allows the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to authorize committees or subcommittees to meet during the interims between sessions to (1) review matters related to the state budget for 2025-27, (2) prepare reports, including revised budgets for 2025-27, or (3) consider any other matters they deem appropriate. Allows a conference committee to meet in the interim with approval by the Speaker or President Pro Tempore.

Intro. by Rabon.

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S 1092 (2025-2026) **2026 SENATE & HOUSE APPOINTMENTS**. Filed Jul 27 2026, *AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.*

Includes whereas clauses.

Part I.

Appoints individuals, upon the President Pro Tempore's recommendation, to the following boards and commissions, for the specified terms: Special Superior Court Judge, Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees, Carteret County Community College Board of Trustees, Cleveland Community College Board of Trustees, Coastal Community College Board of Trustees, Craven Community College Board of Trustees, Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Guilford Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Halifax Community College Board of Trustees, Haywood Community College Board of Trustees, Martin Community College Board of Trustees, McDowell Community College Board of Trustees, Mitchell Community College Board of Trustees, Roanoke-Chowan Community College Board of Trustees, Pamlico Community College Board of Trustees, Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees, Stanly Community College Board of Trustees, Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Security Systems Licensing Board, 911 Board, Professional Educators Preparation and Standards Commission, Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, Education Commission of the States, Council of Internal Auditing, UNC Health Care System Board of Directors, Turnpike Authority, License to Give Trust Fund Commission, Boxing and Combat Sports Commission, Cleveland Community College Board of Trustees, NC Innovation Board of Directors, Acupuncture Licensing Board, Domestic Violence Commission, Roanoke Island Historical Association, Inc., Board of Directors, Oil and Gas Commission, State Human Resources Commission, Home Inspector Licensure Board, Arboretum Board of Directors, Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners, Real Estate Commission, Board of Transportation, Local Government Commission, Alamance Community College Board of Trustees, College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees, Beaufort Community College Board of Trustees, Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees, Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees, Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees, South Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Western Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, UNC Health Care System Board of Directors, Wayne Community College Board of Trustees, Wilson Community College Board of Trustees, Environmental Management Commission, Governor's Crime Commission, Banking Commission, Mayland Community College Board of Trustees, and Board of Examiners of Fee-Based Practicing Pastoral Counselors.

Part II.

Appoints individuals, upon the Speaker of the House of Representative's recommendation, to the following boards and commissions, for the specified terms: Pamlico Community College Board of Trustees, Alamance Community College Board of Trustees, Bladen Community College Board of Trustees, Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees, Carteret Community College Board of Trustees, Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Cleveland Community College Board of Trustees, Coastal Carolina Community College Board of Trustees, Craven Community College Board of Trustees, Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees, Fayetteville Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Guilford Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Haywood Community College Board of Trustees, Durham Technical Community College Board of Trustees, James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees, McDowell Community College Board of Trustees, Mitchell Community College Board of Trustees, Montgomery Community College Board of Trustees, Nash Community College Board of Trustees, Pitt Community College Board of Trustees, Randolph Community College Board of Trustees, Robeson Community College

Board of Trustees, Sampson Community College Board of Trustees, Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees, Stanly Community College Board of Trustees, Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Wayne Community College Board of Trustees, Western Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Wilson Community College Board of Trustees, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Caldwell Community College Board of Trustees, Cape Fear Community College Board of Trustees, Catawba Valley Community College Board of Trustees, Davidson-Davie Community College Board of Trustees, Forsyth Technical Community College Board of Trustees, Gaston College Board of Trustees, Halifax Community College Board of Trustees, Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees, Martin Community College Board of Trustees, Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Board of Trustees, Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees, Surry Community College Board of Trustees, Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees, Lenoir Community College Board of Trustees, Mayland Community College Board of Trustees, Roanoke-Chowan Community College Board of Trustees, Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees, Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees, Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees, Beaufort Community College Board of Trustees, College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees, Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees, Johnston Community College Board of Trustees, Acupuncture Licensing Board, African-American Heritage Commission, Agriculture Finance Authority, North Carolina Arboretum Board of Directors, North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners, North Carolina Boxing and Combat Sports Commission, Land and Water Fund Board of Trustees, Coastal Resources Commission, North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition, Domestic Violence Commission, Council on Internal Auditing, North Carolina Board of Interpreter and Transliterator Licensing Board, North Carolina Irrigation Contractor's Licensing Board, Judicial Standard Commission, License to Give Trust Fund Commission, North Carolina Marine Industrial Park Authority, North Carolina Mining Commission, 911 Board, North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., North Carolina State Ports Authority, North Carolina Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission, North Carolina Real Estate Commission, Rules Review Commission, Rural Infrastructure Authority, North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists, Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, State Water Infrastructure Authority, North Carolina Turnpike Authority, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board, North Carolina Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission, North Carolina Board of Transportation, UNC Center for Public Media Board of Trustees, UNC Health Care System Board of Directors, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, North Carolina Indian Affairs Commission, North Carolina Board of Funeral Service, Industrial Commission, Board of Agriculture, North Carolina Arts Council, and North Carolina Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Board of Trustees.

Part III.

Amends Section 2.4 of SL 2024-12 by shortening the appointment of the specified individual to the Bladen Community College Board of Trustees.

Intro. by Rabon.

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LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 147 (2025-2026) **VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS XI. (NEW)** Filed Feb 17 2025, *AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF BEAR GRASS, TO CODIFY AND AMEND THE GAME COMMISSION OF CURRITUCK COUNTY, TO MODIFY THE CONDUCT OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF HICKORY, AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF LELAND.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition removes the content of the previous edition and replaces it with the following. Makes conforming title changes.

Part I.

Amends GS 160A-58.1 by adding Bear Grass to the towns exempt from the 10% cap on satellite annexations.

Part II.

Enacts new Article 22C in GS Chapter 113, codifying the creation of the Game Commission of Currituck County (Commission), which has the power to regulate, along with the Wildlife Resources Commission, hunting, shooting, killing, or trapping of any wild fowl from shore, marsh, blind, or floating device on or adjacent to the public waters of Currituck County. Commission consists of seven members with one member from each of the five county commissioner residency districts and two at-large members. Members are selected by the Board of County Commissioners of Currituck County and serve two-year terms.

Sets out provisions related to the Commission, including the following. Defines the terms float blind, point blind, and stationary bush blind. Requires licenses for stationary bush blinds, float blinds, and point blinds to be issued only by the clerk, who is selected by the Commission. Requires specified funds from the sale of the licenses to be remitted to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for the Wildlife Resources Fund.

Requires that the Commission hear complaints and petitions from individuals about the location of blinds and other matters and make needed adjustments; allows any individual not satisfied with the Commission's ruling to file an appeal with the district court within 10 days.

Allows license applications to be submitted online. Allows the Commission to set application and processing fees at its annual budget meeting held in June.

Requires individuals owning property in Currituck County bought and used for shooting migratory wild fowl who want to have any shooting point or location protected by a license to file an application by August 1. Sets out application requirements. Provides that if a person wants to develop a new shooting location, the Commission, on application, may license any location designated, but not if it is within 500 yards of a location used by floating devices or within 500 yards of a bush blind or another licensed point.

Makes it illegal for a licensed guide or other resident of North Carolina or any other person to accompany or aid in hunting, in any of the methods described in this Article, any person who does not have the proper license. Prohibits using any floating device in the hunting of wild fowl in Currituck Sound except those authorized by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the Commission.

Makes it illegal for any person to shoot waterfowl on Currituck County's public waters unless the person is lawfully hunting and has a stand of artificial decoys tied out over which the person is shooting. Allows the owner of real estate who has a licensed point blind, or their guests, to hunt at one unlicensed temporary location per licensed blind on the real estate, if that location is not being hunted at the same time and the temporary location is not within 500 yards of a licensed location belonging to someone else. Makes it illegal to use a licensed or temporary blind for hunting purposes unless the person: (1) has written permission from the licensee of the blind, (2) has proof of permission in a manner prescribed by the Commission, or (3) is hunting in the licensee's presence.

Allows the Commission to prosecute and revoke the hunting blind license of a person who has violated any part of this Article, or any of rules and regulations after notifying the person charged with the violation to appear before the Commission. Allows the Commission to revoke the hunting blind license of any person who violates any of the provisions of this Article regulating hunting, or who, while hunting, goes on the marshes or lands of any person, firm, or corporation without their permission. Makes violations of this Article a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Prohibits using seaplanes on Currituck County public waters from September 1 of each year until April 1 of the following year.

Sets out expenses that must be paid by the Commission. Allows the Commission to set member salaries at the Commission's annual budget meeting in June. Allows the Commission to disburse excess funds generated from fees to an organization established as a nonprofit for the purpose of conservation, habitat enhancement, and waterfowl protection in Currituck County. Requires that a member of the Commission be a member of the nonprofit's board.

Sets out requirements for the locations of blinds and allows the Commission to close down vacant blinds. Prohibits a person from renting out their licensed blind. Allows the Commission to refuse to issue a license for a blind when it finds that an applicant for a blind license is a consistent violator of the County's game laws.

Sets out timing for waterfowl hunting and allows the Commission to modify times for waterfowl hunting after holding a public hearing. Sets out limitations on those changes as well as issues that must be considered when making changes.

Requires the Commission's clerk to keep a record of the location of every blind, including an online blind map with an accurate database. Presumes that the number of stationary bush blinds in existence as of July 1, 2026, is the maximum number of safe locations for stationary bush blinds. Prohibits a boat carrying gunners or skiffs from being tied or anchored within 500 yards of a blind of any kind.

Prohibits constructing or hunting from a blind without the blind being licensed. Sets out the procedure for applying for a license and for appeals of a licensing decision. Sets out standards governing the issuance and locations for licenses. Requires any blind or hunting device that is not licensed for a year to be immediately demolished by the owner or past owner; if it is not demolished by August 1 of the current year, allows law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission to demolish the blind.

Prohibits float blinds from being anchored overnight except at a licensed stationary bush or stuck blind or licensed point issued to the licensee of the float blind; require all other float blinds to be returned to the landing of the licensee each night.

Makes conforming changes to GS 113-133.1.

Makes a conforming repeal of the following related provisions: SL 1957-1436; SL 1971-1178; SL 1973-747; SL 1975-398; SL 1977-190; SL 1981-622; SL 1983-764; Section 4 of SL 1987-1042; SL 1989-808; SL 1997-163; Section 51 of SL 1997-456; SL 2003-16; SL 2009-70; and SL 2022-19.

Specifies that this section is intended to codify the provisions of SL 1957-1436, as amended, with the changes reflected in the act. Continues the Game Commission of Currituck County created in the SL as the Game Commission of Currituck County under the new Article 22C. Requires the members and clerk continue to serve for the remainder of their respective terms and appointments.

Requires that licenses issued, rules adopted, decisions rendered, and all other actions taken under SL 1957-1436 that are in effect on the effective date of this section remain in effect and be treated as if issued, adopted, rendered, or taken under new Article 22C. Specifies that the repeals listed above do not abate or affect any proceeding, prosecution, or appeal pending on the effective date of this section, or any liability for an offense committed before that date.

Effective December 1, 2026, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date and applications for licenses filed on or after that date.

Part III.

Amends Hickory's Charter, SL 1961-323, as amended, to require that if more than two candidates file to represent a single ward, a nonpartisan primary must be conducted with only qualified voters of that ward voting in that nonpartisan primary.

Part IV.

Removes described property from Leland's corporate limits, effective June 30, 2027. Provides that this does not affect the validity of any liens of the Town of Leland for ad valorem taxes or special assessments outstanding before the effective date of this section. Provides that property in the described territory as of January 1, 2027, is no longer subject to municipal taxes for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

Intro. by Ward.

[Brunswick, Catawba, Currituck, Martin, GS 113, GS 160A](#)

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H 1067 (2025-2026) [ROCKY MOUNT ETJ. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Apr 28 2026, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES.*

Senate committee substitute to the 3rd edition removes the content of the previous edition and replaces it with the following.
Makes conforming title changes.

Prohibits Rocky Mount from exercising extraterritorial jurisdiction over the three specified parcels. Specifies that the property described is subject to Nash County's planning and development regulation jurisdiction, including its zoning authority.

Intro. by K. Hall.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 199: AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL DEANNEXATION. (NEW)

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 08/04/2026

H 268: 2026 BUDGET TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS - II. (NEW)

House: Conferees Changed

Senate: Conf Com Appointed

House: Conf Com Reported

House: Ruled Material

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 44(d)

House: Placed On Cal For 08/04/2026

Senate: Conf Com Reported

Senate: Held As Material

Senate: Placed On Cal For 07/28/2026

H 377: 2026 COURT CHANGES. (NEW)

Senate: Conf Com Appointed

H 437: DRUG-FREE ZONES/UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING. (NEW)

House: Placed On Cal For 08/04/2026

H 834: SPORTSMAN'S VOTER ACT.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Elections. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

H 958: ELECTION LAW CHANGES.

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to Elections. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 445: REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2026. (NEW)

House: Conf Com Reported

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 44(d)

House: Placed On Cal For 08/04/2026

S 1091: ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION.

Senate: Filed

S 1092: 2026 SENATE & HOUSE APPOINTMENTS.

Senate: Filed

LOCAL BILLS

H 116: JACKSONVILLE ANNEXATION & CONFORMING CHANGES. (NEW)

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Placed On Cal For 08/04/2026

H 147: VARIOUS LOCAL PROVISIONS XI. (NEW)

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref to State and Local Government. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

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