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SENATE BILL 138

Short Title: Drinking Water/Conform with Fed. Law.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Odom.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA DRINKING WATER ACT SO
THAT IT CONFORMS WITH FEDERAL LAW, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-313(10) reads as rewritten:

"(10) 'Public water system' means a system for the provision to the public of
~~pipd water for human consumption~~ water for human consumption through
pipes or other constructed conveyances if the system serves 15 or more
service connections or which regularly serves 25 or more individuals.

The term includes:

- a. Any collection, treatment, storage or distribution facility under control of the operator of the system and used primarily in connection with the system; and
- b. Any collection or pretreatment storage facility not under the control of the operator of the system ~~which~~ that is used primarily in connection with the system.

A public water system is either a 'community water system' or a 'noncommunity water system' as follows:

1 a. 'Community water system' means a public water system ~~which~~
2 that serves 15 or more service connections or ~~which~~that regularly
3 serves at least 25 year-round residents.

4 b. 'Noncommunity water system' means a public water system
5 ~~which~~that is not a community water system.

6 A connection to a system that delivers water by a constructed
7 conveyance other than a pipe is not a connection within the meaning of
8 this subdivision under any one of the following circumstances:

9 a. The water is used exclusively for purposes other than residential
10 uses. As used in this subdivision, 'residential uses' mean
11 drinking, bathing, cooking, or other similar uses.

12 b. The Department determines that alternative water to achieve the
13 equivalent level of public health protection pursuant to applicable
14 drinking water rules is provided for residential uses.

15 c. The Department determines that the water provided for
16 residential uses is centrally treated or treated at the point of entry
17 by the provider, a pass-through entity, or the user to achieve the
18 equivalent level of protection provided by the applicable drinking
19 water rules."

20 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.