

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS95059-LH-109A (03/04)

Short Title: DWQ Study Reclaimed Water Issues.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Stein, Stevens, and Hunt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY ISSUES REGARDING THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER AND THE CURRENT PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER AND RECLAIMED WATER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Division of Water Quality in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall study issues regarding the use of reclaimed water, the current permitting requirements for the discharge of wastewater and reclaimed water, and possible revisions to the permitting system that may help to accommodate and encourage the beneficial use of reclaimed water while protecting against any potential threat to the environment or public health resulting from the use, overflow, or discharge of reclaimed water. The Division may also consider other issues it considers relevant to this study. The Division of Water Quality shall conduct the study in conjunction with those persons and entities that the Division of Water Quality, in its discretion, deems to be stakeholders on these issues and shall provide the stakeholders an opportunity to express their concerns, comments, and suggestions regarding the issues and possible resolutions for those issues.

SECTION 2. The Division of Water Quality shall report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative recommendations, to the Environmental Review Commission by December 31, 2011.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

