

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2021**

**SESSION LAW 2021-37  
HOUSE BILL 20**

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT CONNECTIONS TO WATER  
SUPPLY LINES FUNDED BY THE CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL GAS CRITICAL  
NEEDS BOND ACT OF 1998.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 5 of S.L. 2011-412 reads as rewritten:

**"SECTION 5.** Notwithstanding Section 5.1(b) of S.L. 1998-132, the Secretary of ~~Environment and Natural Resources~~ Environmental Quality shall grant a waiver to allow additional connections to a bond-funded waterline within an area designated as WS-I or the critical area of any area that has been designated as WS-II, WS-III, or WS-IV by the Environmental Management Commission pursuant to G.S. 143-214.5, provided the design capacity and size of the existing bond-funded waterline can accommodate the additional connections and the purpose of the additional connection is for either of the following reasons:

- (1) To address an existing threat to public health or water quality.
- (2) To provide water to a ~~habitable~~-structure located on a lot zoned for a ~~single-family residence~~. residential use or mixed-use development. There is no requirement that the ~~habitable~~-structure existed on the lot at the time of the construction of the bond-funded waterline."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to requests for waivers to allow additional water lines submitted on or before that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

s/ Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Destin Hall  
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved 3:39 p.m. this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021

