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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ASBESTOS HAZARD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET FOR THE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATORY PROGRAM WHICH MAY COME FROM HAZARDOUS WASTE FEES IMPOSED UNDER G.S. 130A-294.1.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

“ARTICLE 19.

“ASBESTOS HAZARD MANAGEMENT.

“§ 130A-444. Definitions.

Unless a different meaning is required by the context, the following definitions apply throughout this Article:

- (1) ‘AHERA’ means Title II, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response, of the Toxic Substances Control Act, Pub. L. 99-519, 100 Stat. 2970, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., as amended.

- 1           (2) 'Asbestos' means asbestiform varieties of chrysotile (serpentine),  
2           crocidolite (riebeckite), amosite (cummingtonite-grunerite),  
3           anthophyllite, tremolite and actinolite.
- 4           (3) 'Asbestos containing material' means material which contains more  
5           than one percent (1%) asbestos by area, including friable asbestos  
6           containing material and nonfriable asbestos containing material.
- 7           (4) 'Abatement' means work performed to repair, maintain, remove,  
8           isolate, or encapsulate asbestos containing material. The term does not  
9           include inspections, preparation of management plans, abatement  
10           project design, taking of samples, or project overview.
- 11           (5) 'Friable' means any material that when dry can be broken, crumbled,  
12           pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure, and includes  
13           previously nonfriable material after such material becomes damaged to  
14           the extent that when dry it can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to  
15           powder by hand pressure.
- 16           (6) 'Management' means all activities related to asbestos containing  
17           material, including inspections, preparation of management plans,  
18           abatement project design, abatement, project overview, and taking of  
19           samples.
- 20           (7) 'Public area' means those areas in any building other than a residence  
21           that are not covered under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of  
22           1970, Pub. L. 91-596, 84 Stat. 1590, 29 U.S.C. § 651 et seq., as  
23           amended.
- 24           (8) 'Removal' means stripping, chipping, sanding, sawing, drilling,  
25           scraping, sucking, and other methods of separating material from its  
26           installed location in a building.
- 27           (9) 'Residence' means any single family dwelling or any multi-family  
28           dwelling of fewer than 10 units.

29 **"§ 130A-445. Management of asbestos containing material in schools.**

30 All school buildings subject to the provisions of AHERA shall be inspected for  
31 asbestos containing materials and shall prepare and submit management plans to the  
32 Department. The Commission shall adopt rules governing school management plans.  
33 These rules shall specify the content and format of plans, the plan review and approval  
34 process, schedules and methods for implementation of approved plans, and periodic  
35 inspection requirements.

36 **"§ 130A-446. Asbestos exposure standard for public areas.**

37 The Commission shall adopt rules to establish a maximum airborne asbestos  
38 exposure level for public areas. Such rules shall also specify sampling and analysis  
39 procedures.

40 **"§ 130A-447. Accreditation of persons performing asbestos management.**

41 (a) No person shall commence or continue to perform asbestos management  
42 activities unless he has been accredited by the Department. The Commission shall  
43 adopt rules governing the accreditation of such persons. Such rules shall include  
44 categories of accreditation and shall specify appropriate education, experience, and

1 training requirements. The rules shall establish separate categories of accreditation for  
2 inspectors, management planners, abatement designers, supervisors, workers, air  
3 monitors, and management consultants. These rules shall be at least as stringent as the  
4 accreditation plan required under AHERA and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

5 (b) A person who applies for accreditation in the worker category may engage in  
6 asbestos containing material management activities as though he were accredited in the  
7 worker category for up to 90 days after the date he submits his application. No person  
8 whose application is rejected may continue to engage in asbestos containing material  
9 management activities under this subsection.

10 (c) The following persons are exempt from the accreditation requirements:

11 (1) The owner or operator of a building, other than school buildings  
12 subject to the provisions of AHERA, and his permanent employees  
13 when performing asbestos containing material management activities  
14 in nonpublic areas of the building;

15 (2) A person performing asbestos containing material management  
16 activities in his personal residence;

17 (3) Governmental regulatory personnel performing asbestos containing  
18 material management services under authority of federal, State, or  
19 local regulations or rules; and

20 (4) Persons licensed by the General Contractors Licensing Board, State  
21 Board of Examiners of Plumbing and Heating Contractors, State Board  
22 of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, or the State Board of  
23 Refrigeration Examiners when engaged in activities associated with  
24 their license when such activities disturb less than 35 cubic feet, 160  
25 square feet, or 260 linear feet of asbestos containing material per job,  
26 or when engaged in such activities under the supervision of an  
27 accredited supervisor.

28 **"§ 130A-448. Asbestos management accreditation fees.**

29 The Department shall establish and collect asbestos containing material management  
30 accreditation and annual renewal fees to support the asbestos hazard management  
31 program. The fees shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per accreditation  
32 category, except that the fee for the abatement worker category shall not exceed twenty-  
33 five dollars (\$25.00). A person who is accredited in more than one category shall pay a  
34 fee for each category.

35 **"§ 130A-449. Asbestos containing material removal permits.**

36 No person shall engage in asbestos abatement involving more than 35 cubic feet,  
37 160 square feet, or 260 linear feet per job of asbestos containing material without an  
38 asbestos containing material removal permit issued by the Department. The  
39 Commission shall adopt rules governing such permits. Such rules may provide for  
40 exemption from the requirements of this section.

41 **"§ 130A-450. Asbestos containing material removal permit fees.**

42 The Department shall establish and collect an application fee for asbestos containing  
43 material removal permits to support the asbestos hazard management program. The fee  
44 shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the contracted price or twenty cents (\$.20) per

1 square foot or linear foot of asbestos containing material to be removed, whichever is  
2 greater.

3 **"§ 130A-451. Commission to adopt rules.**

4 For the protection of the public health, the Commission shall adopt rules to  
5 implement this Article and AHERA."

6 Sec. 2. Until the Commission establishes the rules required by this Article,  
7 the maximum airborne asbestos exposure level for public areas shall be 0.01 fibers  
8 greater than five microns in length per cubic centimeter of air, to be measured in public  
9 areas during normal occupancy.

10 Sec. 3. Accreditations and reaccreditations issued by the Department under  
11 the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act prior to the effective date of this act  
12 shall remain valid until they expire or are suspended or revoked.

13 Sec. 4. G.S. 130A-294.1(c) is rewritten to read:

14 "(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the total funds collected per year  
15 pursuant to this section shall not exceed ~~twenty five percent (25%)~~ thirty percent (30%) of  
16 the total funds budgeted from all sources for the hazardous waste management program.  
17 This subsection shall not be construed to limit the obligation of any person to pay any  
18 fee imposed by this section."

19 Sec. 5. Persons not required to be accredited under the Asbestos Hazard  
20 Emergency Response Act shall have until 1 November 1989 to become accredited under  
21 this act. Asbestos containing material removal permits shall be required for asbestos  
22 material containing material abatement activities commenced on or after 1 November  
23 1989.

24 Sec. 6. This act is effective upon ratification.