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HOUSE BILL 673*

Short Title: Stream Watch Program.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Flaherty; Abernethy, Arnold, Balmer, Beall, Brown, Brubaker, Buchanan, Craven, N. Crawford, Cromer, Culp, Decker, Diamont, Diggs, B. Ethridge, Fletcher, Gist, Greenwood, Grimmer, Hackney, Hall, Howard, Jack Hunt, Isenhower, Jones, Ligon, Lilley, McLaughlin, Pope, Privette, Ramsey, Rhyne, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Basic Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STREAM WATCH PROGRAM IN THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY
4 DEVELOPMENT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new Part to read:

8 **“PART 10. STREAM WATCH PROGRAM.**

9 **”§ 143-215.74F. Program authorized.**

10 The Department of Natural Resources and Community Development may establish a
11 Stream Watch Program to recognize and assist civic, environmental, educational, and
12 other volunteer groups interested in good water resources management and protection.
13 The goals of the Stream Watch Program are to encourage volunteer groups to adopt
14 streams and other water bodies and to work toward their good management and
15 protection; to increase public awareness of and involvement in water resources
16 management; and to promote cooperative activities among volunteer groups, local
17 government, industry, the Department of Natural Resources and Community
18 Development, and other agencies and entities for improved protection and management
19 of water resources.

1 **"§ 143-215.74G. Applications.**

2 The Department may receive and approve applications from volunteer groups to
3 affiliate with the Stream Watch Program when the applicants are willing to adopt a
4 specific body of water and to conduct at least one project each year to promote the
5 protection of the adopted body of water or to increase public understanding of water
6 resources.

7 **"§ 143.215.74H. Assistance.**

8 The Department may provide technical, organizational, and financial assistance to
9 stream watch groups from such resources as may be available to the Department.

10 **"§ 143-215.74I. Projects.**

11 The Department may encourage and assist stream watch groups to carry out projects
12 for stream cleanup and restoration, stream surveillance and water quality monitoring,
13 public education, the establishment of trails and greenways, recreational use of water
14 bodies, and other activities in furtherance of the goals of the Stream Watch Program."

15 Sec. 2. The act shall become effective July 1, 1989.