

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 679**

Short Title: Consolidate Environmental Reg. Commissions. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Hoyle; Apodaca, Jenkins, Swindell, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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March 13, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
3 COMMISSION AND REPLACE IT WITH A NEW, FULL-TIME  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MODELED ON THE  
5 UTILITIES COMMISSION; TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, COMMUNICATION,  
6 AND COORDINATION WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE  
7 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
8 NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY AND TO REDUCE COSTS BY  
9 ELIMINATING THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND CONSOLIDATING  
10 THEIR POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS IN THE NEW  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: (1) THE COASTAL  
12 RESOURCES COMMISSION, (2) THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, (3) THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION,  
14 (4) THE MINING COMMISSION, (5) THE RADIATION PROTECTION  
15 COMMISSION, (6) THE SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION, (7)  
16 THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, (8) THE WATER  
17 POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATORS CERTIFICATION  
18 COMMISSION, (9) THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS  
19 BOARD OF CERTIFICATION, AND (10) THE WELL CONTRACTORS  
20 CERTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO TRANSFER RULE-MAKING  
21 RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF CHAPTER 130A  
22 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FROM THE COMMISSION FOR HEALTH  
23 SERVICES TO THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
24 COMMISSION: ARTICLE 9 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT), ARTICLE 10  
25 (DRINKING WATER ACT), AND ARTICLE 11 (WASTEWATER SYSTEMS);  
26 AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY AND BUDGET CHANGES.

27 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

28 **SECTION 1.** Chapters 74, 87, 90A, 104E, 113, 113A, 130A, 139, 143, and  
29 143B of the General Statutes are amended.

