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HOUSE BILL 576

Short Title: Amend Environmental Laws - 1. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative McElraft (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Environment, if favorable, Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES
3 LAWS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 130A-309.82 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 130A-309.82. Use of disposal tax proceeds by counties.**

7 Article 5C of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes imposes a tax on new white goods to
8 provide funds for the management of discarded white goods. A county must use the proceeds of
9 the tax distributed to it under that Article for the management of discarded white ~~goods,~~goods
10 and electronic devices, as that term is defined in G.S. 130A-309.131. The purposes for which a
11 county may use the tax proceeds include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 12 (1) Capital improvements for infrastructure to manage discarded white ~~goods,~~
13 goods and electronic devices, such as concrete pads for loading, equipment
14 essential for moving white ~~goods,~~goods and electronic devices, storage
15 sheds for equipment essential to white ~~goods,~~goods and electronic devices
16 disposal management, and freon extraction equipment.
17 (2) Operating costs associated with managing discarded white ~~goods,~~goods and
18 electronic devices, such as labor, transportation, and freon extraction.
19 (3) The cleanup of illegal white ~~goods,~~goods and electronic devices disposal
20 sites, ~~the cleanup of illegal disposal sites consisting of more than fifty~~
21 ~~percent (50%) discarded white goods, and, as to those illegal disposal sites~~
22 ~~consisting of fifty percent (50%) or less discarded white goods, the cleanup~~
23 ~~of the discarded white goods portion of the illegal disposal sites.~~

24 Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this section, a county may not use the tax proceeds
25 for a capital improvement or operating expense that does not directly relate to the management
26 of discarded white ~~goods,~~goods or electronic devices. Except as provided in subdivision (3) of
27 this section, if a capital improvement or operating expense is partially related to the
28 management of discarded white ~~goods,~~goods and electronic devices, a county may use the tax
29 proceeds to finance a percentage of the costs equal to the percentage of the use of the
30 improvement or expense directly related to the management of discarded white ~~goods,~~goods or
31 electronic devices."

32 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2015.

