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H 1218. ENV. TECH. CORRECTIONS (=S 1132). *TO MAKE CLARIFYING, CONFORMING, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.* Identical to S 1132, introduced 4/15/99.

Intro. by Gibson and Warwick (Co-Sponsors).

Ref. to Environment	GS 143
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H 1218. AMEND ENV. LAWS. Intro. 4/15/99. Senate committee substitute replaces 1st edition with a bill to "AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS: (1) TO PROMOTE WATER CONSERVATION BY PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF SUB-METERS IN CONSECUTIVE WATER SYSTEMS; (2) RELATED TO URBAN WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT; (3) TO PROVIDE FOR VARIANCES UNDER THE DREDGE AND FILL PERMIT PROGRAM; (4) TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION; (5) TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSULT WITH STAKEHOLDERS PRIOR TO DEVELOPING RIPARIAN BUFFER RULES; (6) TO PROHIBIT THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION FROM ESTABLISHING FEES FOR CERTAIN PERMITS AND TO ABOLISH CERTAIN EXISTING PERMIT FEES; AND (7) TO MAKE CLARIFYING, CONFORMING, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES." Amends GS 130A-315 to provide that a person who receives water from a public water system and who is authorized to install sub-meters and resell water to occupants of contiguous premises will be regulated as a "consecutive water system." Provides that monitoring, analysis, and record-keeping requirements performed by the supplying water system satisfy those requirements for consecutive water systems authorized under this law.

Extends sunset for urban waterfront redevelopment law, as established by SL 1997-337, from July 1, 2000 to April 1, 2001.

Amends GS 113-229(e) to add reference to granting of variances under that statute and GS 113A-120.1.

Makes clarifying changes in GS 143B-283(b) (Environmental Management Comm'n appointments), and adds a provision to this statute permitting reappointment of members for additional terms.

Adds new GS 143-214.24 (riparian buffer protection program: coordination with river basin ass'n's), requiring DENR, before drafting temporary or permanent rules that preserve riparian buffers in a river basin, to consult with major stakeholders who may have an interest in the proposed rule. Outlines criteria that qualify a river basin association to be consulted, including representation on the ass'n board of directors by each affected county and broad representation of groups affected by the proposed rules.

Amends GS 113-169.1 (fisheries permit fees for specialized activities, including commercial fishing operations that do not involve the use of a vessel and transplanting oysters or clams) to delete sentence providing that the permit fees be set in an amount that compensates for actual administrative costs associated with the permit and providing for \$50 cap on permits. Provides that any permit fee established by the Marine Fisheries Comm'n pursuant to this statute, as revised by this amendment, expires on July 1, 2000.

Makes other clarifying and technical changes.