

May 10, 2000

S 1195. DOT ESTABLISH RURAL PLANNING ORGS. *TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, TO ESTABLISH RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS TO PLAN RURAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON RURAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY.* Adds new Art. 17, GS Ch. 136 as title indicates. Rural

Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) must include representatives from contiguous areas in three to fifteen counties, with a total population of the entire area represented of at least 50,000 people according to latest population estimate of Office of State Planning. Areas already included in Metropolitan Planning Organizations may not be included in the area represented by a RTPO. Duties of RTPO include: (1) developing, in cooperation with cited dep't, long-range local and regional multimodal transportation plans; and (2) developing and prioritizing suggestions for transportation projects the organization believes should be included in state's Transportation Improvement Program. If funds are appropriated for that purpose, dep't may make grants to RTPOs for professional planning staff. Requires dep't to report to Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on implementation of act on or before Dec. 1, 2000. Effective July 1, 2000.

Intro. by Gulley.

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June 1, 2000

S 1195. DOT ESTABLISH RURAL PLANNING ORGS. Intro. 5/10/00. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Includes any adjacent Metropolitan Planning Organization among entities who are to cooperatively determine appropriate planning staff needs for a Rural Transportation Planning Organization.

June 28, 2000

S 1195. DOT ESTABLISH RURAL PLANNING ORGS. Intro. 5/9/00. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Provides that neither the Dept. of Transportation nor the General Assembly shall reallocate any road maintenance funds to implement this act.