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S 1279. PETROLEUM DISCHARGE AMENDS-1. TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO LAND-USE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY GENERALLY TO RISK-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUPS DO NOT APPLY TO CLEANUPS OF PETROLEUM FROM LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO STUDY THE APPLICATION OF LAND-USE RESTRICTIONS TO THE CLEANUP OF ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE FROM THESE TANKS THROUGH A STAKEHOLDER NEGOTIATION PROCESS. AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION . Amends GS 143B-279.9 to exclude from section risk-based remedial action plans for cleanup of environmental damage resulting from a discharge or release of petroleum from an underground storage tank. Amends GS 143B-279.10(f) to direct Secretary to cancel Notice of Contaminated Site, at request of owner, whenever contamination has been eliminated or remediated to current standards (now, Secretary permitted, but not required, to cancel Notice whenever contamination has been eliminated). Directs Environmental Review Commission to continue to study application of landuse restrictions to cleanup of environmental damages resulting from discharges and releases of petroleum from underground storage tanks through stakeholder negotiation process, with report to General Assembly in 2001. Amendments to GS 143B-279.9 and 279.10 effective retroactively to October 1, 1999, and amendment to GS 143B-279.9 expires September 1, 2001. Intro. by Plyler and Purcell.

Held Rule 43 GS 143B