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H 1565. ESTABLISH ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM. TO ESTABLISH A RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TO IMPOSE A TAX ON THOSE DEVICES IN ORDER TO FUND THE PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH FUNDS TO ENABLE THEM TO RECYCLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.

Enacts the Electronics Recycling Act of 2002 as Art. 9 of GS Chapter 130A and Electronics Recycling Tax as Art. 5G of GS Chapter 105, effective Jan. 1, 2003, to encourage recycling of electronic devices. Defines electronic device as item containing a cathode ray tube. Establishes tax of \$10 on retailer for sale of each new electronic device, which is credited to the Electronics Recycling Account. Provides that local government that implements electronic recycling program as part of solid waste management plan is eligible to receive \$10 for each device recycled from Recycling Account, which can be used to offset costs of collection and transportation of discarded electronics, recycling processing fees, and cost of citizen education about recycling. Directs Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources to undertake public education program on environmental benefits of recycling electronics; to provide assistance to local governments; to implement loan fund program for the development of private recycling businesses (repealed effective July 1, 2005); to develop a grant program for research and development of more environmentally responsible electronics; and directs Dep't to report annually to Environmental Review Comm'n on program. Provides that Recycling Account funds be allocated as follows: effective Jan. 1, 2003, 77% for reimbursement of local governments (effective July 1, 2005, increased to 84%); 10% for supplemental grant funds to help initiate or enhance local programs; 7% for revolving loans for development of private recycling businesses (repealed effective July 1, 2005); 3% for research grants; and 3% to Dep't for administration of public education and local government assistance program. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, provides that Dep't to certify electronics recycling processors and local government to receive \$10 reimbursement for recycling electronic devices only if it contracts with a certified recycling processor; and prohibits person from putting electronic devices in landfills or disposing of them by incineration.

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