

April 10, 2003

**H 1150. APPLIANCE/EQUIPMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY STDS. TO DIRECT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS SOLD IN THE STATE.** Adds new Art. 3 of GS Ch. 113B as title indicates. GS 113B-43 lists those products that are subject to art. and GS 113B-42 establishes product definitions. GS 113B-44 requires that Utilities Comm'n adopt rules, to be effective Jan. 1, 2006, establishing minimum energy efficiency standards listed in act and authorizes Comm'n to adopt rules that exceed those standards under certain circumstances. GS 113B-45 further requires that the Comm'n adopt rules providing for the testing, certification, and labeling of products and that Comm'n conduct inspections to monitor compliance. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, Comm'n shall conduct complaint investigations and report violations to the Attorney General, who may institute an enforcement action. Provides that Comm'n shall issue a warning for first violation and assess a civil penalty up to \$250 for subsequent violations, except that no penalties shall be assessed on purchases of noncompliant products purchased prior to, but installed after, Jan. 1, 2006. Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Comm'n for 2003-2004 and \$50,000 for 2004-2005 to implement act.

**Intro. by Nesbitt.**

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