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S 624. DENR/LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS. TO MODIFY THE ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL SANITATION AND ON-SITE WASTEWATER PROGRAMS BY AUTHORIZING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICIALS TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS TO ENFORCE PROGRAM RULES AND TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY REAUTHORIZATION OR RETRAINING OF CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Amends GS 130A-4, dealing with the administration of sanitation, solid waste management, the drinking water act, and wastewater systems by Sec'y of DENR and by local health directors. Sets out circumstances under which local health dep't environmental health supervisors and environmental health coordinators may authorize new employees of that local health dep't to enforce rules for specific programs. Allows an environmental health specialist in a local health dep't who is authorized to enforce rules for a specific program and who has maintained registration as a sanitarian to change employment to another local health dep't without obtaining reauthorization or retraining in that program. Sets out circumstances under which environmental health employee of DENR may enforce rules for a local health dep't without retraining and circumstances under which environmental health employee of local health dep't may enforce rules for DENR without reauthorization or retraining.

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