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H 757. SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT. *TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES PROPOSING PERMANENT RULES TO CONSIDER THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON SMALL BUSINESS; TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF EXISTING RULES PRIOR TO AMENDMENT TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS; TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY COMMITTEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; TO PROVIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF PROPOSED PERMANENT RULES THAT MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS AND SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AGENCY AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AUTHORIZE PETITION BY A SMALL BUSINESS OBJECTING TO A PERMANENT RULE ON SPECIFIED GROUNDS; PROVIDING FOR SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO THE PETITION; AND AUTHORIZING AGENCY WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES OR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS BY SMALL BUSINESS.* Adds new Part 2A to Article 2A of GS Chapter 150B as title indicates. Adds new Part 20 to Article 10 of GS Chapter 143B establishing the Small Business Regulatory Committee with 15 members, 10 of whom are appointed by the Governor. Committee to provide State agencies with input regarding proposed rules that may have an adverse economic impact on small businesses. Effective October 1, 2005, and applies to proposed permanent rules the text of which is published in the NC Register on or after that date.

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Ref. to Rules

GS 143B, 150B