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H 1653. COUNTY MAY BAN OPEN BURNING/REPEAL EXEMPTION. Filed 4/18/07. TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO ADOPT BY ORDINANCE A COUNTYWIDE BAN ON OPEN BURNING, TO PROHIBIT THE PERMITTING OF OPEN BURNING IN SUCH COUNTIES, AND TO REPEAL THE STATEWIDE EXEMPTION FROM REGULATION FOR FIRES STARTED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF AN OCCUPIED DWELLING HOUSE.

Amends GS 113-60.30 to authorize a county, by ordinance, to adopt a countywide ban of open burning, and prohibits the issuance of permits under GS 113-60.23 (permitting process for open fires in high hazard counties) and GS 113-60.24 (permitting process for open fires in non high hazard counties) in a county that adopts such an ordinance. Repeals GS 113-60.31 (allowing exemption from permitting requirements for certain fires started within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling house and prohibiting any charge for the granting of any permit required by Article 4C of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes).

Intro. by Justice.

GS 113